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TOWN OF WENHAM

ANNUAL REPORTS

1901 -- 1902

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

For the Year Ending February 14, 1902

Report of the School Committee

For the Year Ending December 31, 1901

AND THE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of the Public Library

BEVERLY, MASS.:
THE CITIZEN PRINTING COMPANY
1902

Town Officers for the Year 1901-1902

Moderator—Horace E. Durgin.

Town Clerk—Wellington Pool.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Fence Viewers—N. P. Perkins, *R. F. Dodge, H. W. Porter.

Town Treasurer—Horace E. Durgin.

Collector of Taxes—Fred P. Stanton.

Auditor—Otis D. Brewer.

School Committee—F. M. Dodge, 1902; George V. Bowden, 1903; Elbridge Porter, 1904.

Constables—Henry Alley, Taylor C. Lyford (resigned), G. V. Bowden (appointed to fill vacancy).

Special Police—Henry Alley, Chief; T. C. Lyford, G. V. Bowden, F. S. Knowlton.

Trustees of Public Library—B. H. Conant, 1902; Henry A. Moulton, 1903; Fred F. Abbott, 1904.

Board of Health—Ivory Quinby, 1902 (Mr. Quinby being absent from town F. P. Stanton was appointed to fill the vacancy); Chester S. Cook, 1903; Henry Alley, 1904.

Commissioners of Public Cemeteries—F. H. Tarr, 1902; Warren Jones, 1903; Samuel K. Evans, 1904.

Surveyors of Highways—Ward 1, Addison Williams; ward 2, R. F. Dodge; ward 3, J. L. Cole; ward 4, A. M. Harrigan; ward 5, F. H. Tarr; ward 6, Taylor C. Lyford (resigned and T. M. Barnes appointed to fill vacancy; ward 7, Chester S. Cook; ward 8, J. Sumner Brown; ward 9, Charles W. Perkins.

Tree Warden—Taylor C. Lyford.

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark—J. K. Dodge, R. F. Dodge, A. D. Prince, H. W. Porter, J. H. Perkins.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—J. H. Perkins.

Town Weighers—W. F. Trowt, J. K. Dodge, W. P. Dodge.

Firewards and Forest Firewards—H. E. Durgin, chief; F. P. Stanton, clerk; F. H. Tarr, L. S. Lord, D. A. Homan, Simeon Dodge, C. S. Cook, E. F. Standley.

Keeper of Lockup and Tramps—John C. Richards.

*Deceased October 30, 1901.

REPORT

School Department

EAST SCHOOL

Paid Florence E. Dodge, teaching			balance of winter term 1901,	$ 48 00
	"	"	" Spring term,	96 00
	"	"	" Fall term,	88 00
	"	"	" part of winter term 1902,	56 00
Addie M. Williams, care of room and fires,				10 00
				$ 298 00

NECK SCHOOL

Paid M. L. Parmenter, teaching			balance of winter term 1901,	$ 45 00
	"	"	" Spring term,	114 00
Bertha C. Hatch,			" Fall term,	99 00
	"	"	" part of winter term 1902	66 50
Lucy F. Cole, care of room and fires,				4 00
Roydon Young,			" " "	4 00
Charles Wilkins, wood,				29 25
				$ 361 75

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Paid Ruth E. Gould, teaching			balance of winter term 1901,	$ 60 00
	"	"	" Spring term,	120 00
	"	"	" Fall term,	110 00
	"	"	" part of winter term 1902,	60 00

Paid Wellington Pool,	sweeping room,	$ 8 75
" "	care of fires,	15 00
J. C. Sauer, coal,		26 36
		$ 400 11

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Paid Grace H. Gould,	teaching balance of winter term 1901,	$ 101 25
" " "	Spring term,	135 00
" " "	Fall term,	123 75
" " "	part of winter term 1902,	78 75
Mrs. J. Addison,	care of room,	11 75
Mrs. Geo. A. Landers,	care of room,	50
John C. Sauer,	coal,	50 00
Wellington Pool,	care of fires,	20 00
		521 00

WEST SCHOOL

Paid Rose A. Manning,	teaching balance of winter term 1901,	50 00
" " "	Spring term,	120 00
" " "	Fall term,	110 00
" " "	part of winter term 1902	90 00
John C. Sauer,	coal,	19 05
J. W. Cass,	care of room and fires,	10 00
" "	wood,	75
Jos. F. Kent,	"	4 00
		$ 403 80

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Paid City of Beverly	tuition to June, 1901, for		
	Alice Haskell,	2 years,	$ 80 00
	Nellie Preston,	2 years,	80 00

	L. G. Dodge,	1 year,	$ 40 00
	Fred Brewer,	1 year,	40 00
	Marcia Perkins,	1 year,	40 00
Paid City of Salem, tuition to June 30, 1902, for			
	Jennie M. Lovett,	1 year,	$ 50 00
	Lucy F. Cole,	1 year,	50 00
	Alice W. Patch,	1 year,	50 00
	Ralph W. Perkins,	1 year,	50 00
	Edith C. Alley,	1 year,	50 00
	Marion P. Dodge,	1 year,	50 00
	Laura A. Sargent,	1 year.	50 00
			$ 630 00

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS

Paid Elbridge Porter,	care of out-building,	$ 4 00
" "	taking census of scholars,	14 00
Ginn & Co.,	books and supplies,	38 20
Bertha M. Perkins,	teaching music,	123 75
Brown Bros.,	musical supplies,	1 00
Frank Shaler,	repairing organ, Grammar school,	5 00
D. C. Heath & Co.,	school supplies,	2 66
American Book Co.,	school supplies,	18 22
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	books and supplies,	25 51
G. F. Hinkley,	stove, Primary school,	29 00
Fred H. Brooks,	painting, West school,	4 11
H. W. Porter,	new floor, " "	41 47
George V. Bowden,	supplies, " "	13 78
Almira Alley,	cleaning, " "	2 25
E. S. Webb,	new plastering, " "	25 00
Boston School Supply Co.,	books and supplies,	21 70
University Publishing Co.,	books,	30 83
E. A. Lane,	painting, Neck school,	35 50
George V. Bowden,	cash paid for supplies,	3 60
F. M. Dodge,	" " "	10 25
		$ 449 83

Highway Department

WARD ONE

Paid Addison Williams,		$ 26 49
Benj. F. Burchsted,		21 60
Samuel H. Hawkins,		80
Wm. H. Beck,		8 00
Henry D. Stillman,		11 90
John W. Higgins,		4 40
Daniel W. Preston,		19 11
Winslow Day,	gravel,	14 15
		$ 106 45

WARD TWO

Paid Chas. H. Abbott,		$ 57 59
Frank T. Johnson,		7 20
Frank H. Tarr,		15 12
H. D. Stillman,		12 88
R. F. Dodge,		20 04
" "	gravel,	10 80
		$ 123 63

WARD THREE

Paid E. B. Cole,		$ 126 66
Prince Brothers,		27 96
Charles Wilkins,		83 63
F. H. Tarr,		7 32
Zachariah Cole,	gravel,	1 30
Charles Wilkins,	"	13 90
Chas. S. Gwinn,	mason work,	29 20
		$ 289 97

WARD FOUR

Paid John Williams,		$ 5 00
Sam'l M. Hill,	road machine,	10 55
George W. Jones,		11 00

Paid	Chas. H. Abbott,	$ 22 32
	Irving L. Burnham,	2 00
	George W. Patch,	13 00
	A. M. Harrigan,	60 27
	Salem Water Board, gravel,	8 00
		$ 132 14

WARD FIVE

Paid	Frank A. Stanley, gravel,	$ 16 30
	F. H. Tarr,	66 20
	George W. Jones,	11 20
	John Caves,	11 20
	Eben Stanley,	11 20
	Warren Jones,	6 20
	Harrison R. Merrill,	11 70
	H. Knowlton,	5 40
	Sam'l M. Hill, road machine,	14 27
	Charles H. Abbott,	22 39
	Elbridge Porter,	11 05
	Wm. T. Tucker,	6 10
	Taylor C. Lyford,	10 70
	T. W. Batchelder,	3 60
	Thomas M. Barnes,	5 04
	J. Frank Batchelder,	15 12
	Chester S. Cook,	1 90
		$ 229 57

WARD SIX

Paid	Harrison R. Merrill,	$ 6 60
	Perley N. Dodge,	3 80
	George W. Jones,	5 30
	Warren Jones,	6 90
	John Caves,	5 30
	Eben Stanley,	5 30
	H. Knowlton,	3 60
	Fred Knowlton,	10 08

Paid	Thomas M. Barnes,	$ 14 40
	Frank A. Stanley,	9 80
	Taylor C. Lyford,	6 50
	E. K. Batchelder,	1 20
	Frank A. Stanley,	10 90
	Dan'l A. Homan,	80
		$ 90 48

WARD SEVEN

Paid	Chester S. Cook,	$ 34 57
	Stephen Cook,	20 20
	N. P. Perkins,	1 35
	George V. Bowden,	18 44
	Raymond Bowden,	11 90
	George W. Wilson,	15 45
	Chas. M. Bixby,	13 00
	B. Frank Crockett,	7 63
	A. M. Hill,	8 92
	Horace G. Sears,	6 72
	J. W. L. Moulton,	6 72
	Otis Alley,	3 70
	George G. Hodgdon,	7 50
	Jos. F. Kent,	3 90
	L. F. Hodgdon,	13 75
	Perley N. Dodge,	3 90
	Robert Tibbetts,	2 00
	S. S. Cook,	5 66
	George W. Peabody,	2 00
	Sam'l M. Hill, road machine,	8 80
	C. S. Cook, cash paid for gravel,	55
	L. W. Batchelder,	3 50
	J. Sumner Brown,	30
		$ 200 46

WARD EIGHT

Paid Edward L. Kimball,		$ 28 40
Charles E. Kimball,		10 60
Charles H. Stanton,		11 80
L. W. Batchelder,		10 71
Wm. Andrews,		1 80
Sam'l M. Hill,	road machine,	8 80
C. S. Cook,		2 00
Lester E. Libby,	gravel,	12 40
J. Sumner Brown,		45 52
		$ 132 03

WARD NINE

Paid Chas. W. Perkins,		$ 52 52
" "	gravel,	21 00
John Williams,		5 40
Perley L. Cummings,		4 00
A. C. Perkins,		2 00
George W. Jones,		2 00
Frank H. Tarr,		2 70
Michael Sullivan,		11 20
D. A. Homan,		70
		$ 101 52

Snow Department

WARD TWO

Paid Frank T. Johnson,		$ 8 80
F. S. Lovett,		6 40
		$ 15 20

WARD THREE

Paid Charles Wilkins,		$ 14 20
F. M. Dodge,		6 20
Zachariah Cole,		5 10

Paid S. R. Prince Co.,	$ 3 00
Alonzo Young,	7 40
James Cahill,	6 40
Amos Bixby,	2 00
	$ 44 30

WARD FOUR

Paid A. M. Harrigan,	$ 10 20
John Williams,	80
Irving L. Burnham,	3 40
Frank H. Tarr,	80
	$ 15 20

WARD FIVE

Paid F. H. Tarr,	$42 12
Sam'l M. Hill,	9 60
Wm. T. Tucker,	9 30
G. W. Jones,	2 40
Warren Jones,	1 60
Elbridge Porter,	5 70
Thomas Sargent,	90
John Caves,	80
T. W. Batchelder,	3 40
Fred F. Porter,	2 30
Charles H. Abbott,	9 72
John Williams,	20
Eben Stanley,	1 60
Roland Dudley,	60
Arthur Knowlton,	80
	$ 90 04

WARD SIX

Paid Taylor C. Lyford,	$ 5 55
Harrison Merrill,	3 10
Warren Jones,	2 40
Fred F. Knowlton,	80

Paid	Ray Knowlton,	$ 1 80
	Eben Stanley,	1 80
	John Caves,	1 60
	Eugene Russell,	1 70
	E. K. Batchelder,	60
	G. W. Jones,	98
		$ 20 33

WARD SEVEN

Paid	Chester S. Cook,	$ 7 10
	J. F. Crockett,	7 90
	Stephen Cook,	14 90
	C. W. Bixby,	4 30
	George W. Peabody,	6 80
	S. S. Cook,	11 60
	Everett Stanley,	75
	George W. Wilson,	1 40
	Sidney Cook,	2 00
	George G. Hodgdon,	3 15
	Otis Alley,	80
	J. F. Kent,	80
	George V. Bowden,	60
	George A. Perkins,	2 60
	Fred H. Brooks,	3 20
	J. T. Haskell,	1 15
		$ 69 05

WARD NINE

Paid	Ira F. Trask,	$2 40
	Chas. L. Webber,	6 70
	Chas. W. Perkins,	7 80
		$ 16 90

Extra Highway

MACADAM ROAD ON CEDAR AND CHERRY STREETS

Paid	D. A. Pettengill, Sup't,	$ 43 50
	Frank H. Tarr,	50 90
	George W. Jones,	22 60
	Chester S. Cook,	36 65
	John Caves,	9 80
	Warren Jones,	6 20
	Wm. Tucker,	80
	John Fogerty,	33 10
	Peter McSwiggen,	27 10
	C. W. Andrews,	3 60
	Wm. Andrews,	3 10
	Eugene Gould,	1 00
	J. S. Brown,	13 14
	T. M. Barnes,	10 08
	Elbridge Porter,	1 80
	John Girdler, coal for roller,	14 25
	Connolly Bros., 545 tons crushed stone, delivered,	700 05
	Town of Hamilton, services of engineer,	64 00
		$ 1041 67

WIDENING AND GRADING ROAD CORNER OF CHERRY AND BOMER STREETS

Paid	Chester S. Cook,	$ 19 22
	" " cash paid for drills and sharpening,	6 09
	Chas. M. Bixby,	14 20
	George V. Bowden,	3 00
	Stephen Cook,	5 80
	J. F. Crockett,	13 29
	S. S. Cook,	1 58

Paid	George G. Hodgdon,	$ 70
	George V. Bowden, posts,	1 50
	Henry Newhall, dynamite,	4 94
		$ 70 32

STONE GUTTER ON WALNUT ROAD

Paid	Peter Garret, laying gutter, (contract)	$ 54 75
	Chas. S. Gwinn, hauling rocks, sand, etc.,	50 91
		$ 105 66

OTHER EXTRA HIGHWAY WORK

Paid	Broad Gauge Iron Co., covers for catch basins,	$ 11 00
	C. S. Gwinn, drain pipe,	4 65
	J. F. Pope & Son, lumber for railing,	27 27
	Mass. Broken Stone Co., stone on hand for repairs,	31 38
	H. W. Porter, rails for snow fence,	2 10
	C. A. Lawrence, drain pipe,	51 95
	F. H. Tarr, journey to Beverly on account of Walnut street, 1900,	1 25
	H. E. Durgin, stock and labor,	90
	H. W. Porter, stock and labor changing and repairing Kimball and Currier fence,	24 81
	Thos. Fitzgibbon, widening Grapevine bridge and approaches, iron posts for railing, etc., (contract)	250 00
	H. W. Porter, labor and stock on guard railing,	6 30
		$ 411 61

State Highway

Paid Thomas M. Barnes,		$ 114 13
Frank H. Tarr,		9 82
William Ward,		59 91
George W. Jones,		101 65
Everett Stanley,		8 26
Irving L. Burnham,		51 49
Frank Gray,		37 12
John A. Kavanagh,		15 00
Jeremiah Kavanagh, Superintendent,		155 25
William Curron,		1 36
Elbridge Porter,		28 67
Chester S. Cook,		97 74
Charles W. Perkins,		32 96
" "	gravel,	8 45
Samuel M. Hill,		35 01
Henry P. Brewer,		3 50
Harrison R. Merrill,		31 33
J. J. Edmunds, Engineer,		17 50
Perley L. Cummings,		17 62
John Caves,		1 50
C. H. Abbott,		26 06
Timothy Glavin,		32 59
John Williams,		8 33
T. W. Batchelder,		25 95
C. W. Hallett, Engineer,		105 58
William Garrett,		5 27
Charles Golden,		85
W. J. Thomas		6 00
H. W. Porter,		2 57
G. W. Preston,		2 00
L. E. Libby, gravel,		90
Woodward & Ober,	supplies,	1 40
		$ 1045 77

Paid	Thos. M. Barnes,	hauling stone,	$ 46 42
	Chas. W. Perkins,	" "	57 50
	Perley L. Cummings,	" "	66 60
	Chas. H. Abbott,	" "	59 62
	Frank H. Tarr,	" "	56 00
	Samuel M. Hill,	" "	74 25
	T. W. Batchelder,	" "	7 63
	M. Sullivan,	" "	26 00
	J. S. Brown,	" "	30 50
			$ 424 52
Paid	Fred E. Ellis, crushed stone,		$ 1130 64
	B. & M. R. R., freight on stone,		736 16
	Mass. Broken Stone Co., crushed stone,		70 53
	John Girdler, coal for roller,		63 38
	A. W. Chesterton, roller repairs,		3 72
	Robert Robertson, roller supplies,		3 71
	J. W. Goodhue, " "		8 59
	John A. Phalen, inspecting roller,		5 80
	Sprague, Breed & Brown, cement,		5 60
	John C. Sauer, coal,		2 46
	C. A. Lawrence, drain pipe,		50 92
	Town of Wakefield, delivering roller,		2 99
	Simeon Dodge, pumping water,		8 10
	O. E. McQueeny, repairing roller,		1 50
	C. E. Brown & Son, bricks,		22 00
	C. S. Gwinn, use of freight track and supplies,		33 75
	Thomas Fitzgibbon, cut granite bridge stones,		15 00
	H. E. Durgin, blacksmith, labor and supplies,		16 63
	F. P. Stanton, lanterns, oil, etc.,		22 60
	Town of Hamilton, service of engineer,		8 00
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, oil for roller,		1 55
	H. W. Porter, signs and dump board,		3 00
			$ 3,686 92

Of the above amount nearly $100 was expended for widening and raising the grade of the sidewalk adjoining the Kimball and Currier estates, for which nothing was received from the state.

Poor Department

Paid City of Melrose, supplies, rent and hospital charges for Charles A. Babcock, 1900,	$	81 20
Town of Hingham, rent and supplies for Mrs. Harry Williams,		144 99
Lee & Cressy, funeral expenses for J. L. Dodge, 1899,		23 50
Wellington Pool, expenses for J. L. Dodge, 1899,		7 50
C. S. Osborn, burial expenses for E. E. Soper, 1900,		20 00
City of Melrose, aid to Charles A. Babcock and family,		171 36
City of Salem, supplies for Mrs. F. Tarrio,		16 80
" " " P. M. Barnes,		1 40
T. M. Barnes, board and supplies for Mrs. H. Casson,		18 00
Dr. F. A. Cowles, medical attendance,		6 00
Mrs. L. S. Casson, board of Mrs. H. Casson,		10 85
" " " Mrs. B. S. Knowlton,		102 00
Town of Peabody, board and supplies for Mary Tuttle,		96 02
Charles M. Goodwin, board for Mary Tuttle,		22 00
J. C. Sauer, coal for Mrs. H. Casson,		60
" " Mrs. M. Stanley,		6 25
Cash paid Mrs. M. Stanley for her support,		35 00
	$	763 47

Of this amount $500 was paid from the Lilla Cunningham fund.

Soldiers' Relief

Paid Town of Peabody, relief and fuel for Mrs. C. C. Soper,	$	38 00

Paid	Dr. H. K. Foster, medical attendance for Mrs. C. C. Soper,	$ 33 50
	Dr. Geo. C. Littlefield, medical attendance and expense for Mrs. C. C. Soper,	36 79
	Wm. T. Lee, medicine for Mrs. C. C. Soper,	14 05
	J. F. Kent, wood " "	3 00
	Thos. H. Clark, cash paid for his support,	72 00
	" " City of Beverly, rent paid,	44 00
	" " " " medical attendance,	14 00
	Mrs. Edwin Plaisted, cash for her support, 12 months, ($4 per month)	48 00
		$ 303 34

Incidentals

Paid	Addison Brothers, painting signs, etc.,	$ 10 94
	Fred H. Brooks, painting guard railing, etc.,	11 16
	" " painting privy and fence,	31 89
	Daniel A. Homan, labor on funnel and cash paid,	45
	James H. Perkins, Jr., sundries,	1 30
	W. F. Wheeler, snow plow for ward 5,	50 00
	A. J. Porter, surveying Grapevine bridge,	3 50
	Beverly Citizen Co., printing, reports, notices, etc.,	73 73
	Ames Plow Co., highway tools,	21 34
	Thomas J. Gray & Co., plow points,	4 00
	Wm. T. Tucker, care of Soldiers' lot,	2 50
	Fred S. Knowlton, posting notices,	80
	A. W. Chesterton, repairs on steam roller, 1900,	4 19
	Garfield & Sawyer, marking acid,	1 50
	B. H. Conant, care of town clock,	20 00
	Hobbs & Warren, tax books,	2 00
	Whitcomb & Carter Co., shovels,	3 50
	J. Kavanagh, water service for Centre schools,	10 00
	Mass. Cattle Commissioner, branding stamps,	1 75

Paid H. W. Porter, stock and labor on privy and fence rear of Town house,	$ 180	89
L. F. Hodgdon, guide post and setting, 1900,	1	00
Emery Preserving Co., work on records,	16	00
Harry Brewer, care of street lamp,	10	00
Geo. W. Fitz, hot air engine, tank, etc.,	288	78
William T. Tucker, labor on snow fence,	2	00
Alden P. White, counsel fees,	50	00
Mercury Publishing Co., posters,	1	00
Dr. S. E. Thayer, services at court,	25	00
Dr. C. H. Davis, " "	25	00
Woodward & Ober, highway supplies,	4	05
Taylor C. Lyford, tree warden, labor,	2	99
Warren Jones, cleaning funnel, Town house,		25
F. H. Tarr, journey to Boston on account of State Highway,	3	00
Wellington Pool, administering oaths,	1	75
" cash paid for expressing, etc.,	1	50
" recording cemetery deed,		25
" cash paid binding town reports,	1	25
" posting notices,	1	50
H. E. Durgin, blacksmith work,	4	60
F. P. Stanton, expense to Boston on water committee,	2	00
" cash paid for tax bills, express and record books,	2	80
" stamps for building committee,		20
W. Pool, cash for stationery and postage,	3	35
" returning deaths as undertaker,	6	00
Wenham Veteran Association, Memorial day appropriation,	50	00
William F. Trowt, insurance on engine house,	16	50
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies for street light,	5	70
" " postage and stationery,	3	10
" " supplies different departments,	1	37
Rogers & Chase, funnel for lockup,	8	20

Paid F. E. Burnham, stock and labor on vault rear of Town Hall,	$ 28	80
Barry, Beale & Co., stationery,	3	25
H. W. Porter, cash paid for telephone, etc.		76
N. P. Perkins, cash paid for telegrams,		75
	$ 1,011	68

Town House and Hall

Paid William F. Trowt, insurance,	$ 62	50
John C. Sauer, coal,	28	83
Wellington Pool, care of Hall and rooms,	53	67
T. M. Barnes, hauling gravel for grading,	6	75
W. Pool, cash paid for tuning piano,	2	25
F. P. Stanton, supplies,		84
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	5	83
H. W. Porter, repairing settees and locks,	4	95
	$ 165	62

Town Library

Paid Beverly Citizen Co., printing supplements, etc.,	$ 11	40
Addison Williams, carrying books to east district,	10	00
Geo. V. Bowden, " " west "	10	00
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	180	33
Geo. W. Morse, genealogy of Kimball family,	4	00
B. H. Conant, cash paid for books, supplies, postage, etc.,	28	52
F. J. Bernard, binding books, etc.,	15	95
	$ 260	20

Fire Department

Paid Frank H. Tarr, labor on engines,	$	9 12
" " wood for engine house,		2 25
" " two journeys to Boston and expenses,		5 50
Standard Extinguisher Co., two hand fire extinguishers,		27 00
James H. Perkins, Jr., alcohol,		1 75
Simeon Dodge, labor and cash paid,		4 60
J. W. A. Hayes, five barrels,		5 00
O. E. McQueeney, supplies,		3 25
John Girdler, coal,		6 25
F. H. Brooks, painting barrels,		1 81
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,		2 08
R. Robertson, repairs on chemical engine,		2 42
D. A. Homan, " " "		4 40
D. S. Ingersoll, supplies for chemical engine,		50
Chas. Homan, labor on " "		2 60
I. C. Sauer, coal,		6 25
" " sawing wood,		1 55
W. F. Homan, labor on engine and care of room,		3 70
A. C. Lunt, furniture for engine house,		52 13
H. E. Durgin, repairs on fire apparatus,		1 20
F. P. Stanton, supplies, lamps, wire mat, etc.,		14 87
	$	158 23

Park and Common

Paid Wm. T. Tucker, care of park,	$	6 80
Wellington Pool, lawn mowing etc.,		5 50
Warren Jones, labor on park,		1 30
	$	13 60

New Engine House

Paid Herbert W. Porter,	contract,	$ 1247 00
" "	extras outside of contract,	15 95
Burditt & Williams,	interior hardware,	32 77
F. H. Brooks,	painting interior walls,	25 46
H. K. Wheeler,	plans and specifications,	10 00
		$ 1331 18

Town Officers

TOWN CLERK

Paid Wellington Pool,	service one year,	$ 50 00
" "	recordin gand returning births, deaths and marriages,	13 60
" "	returning vote for representative,	2 00
		$ 65 60

MODERATOR

Paid H. E. Durgin,	service as moderator,	$ 3 00

ASSESSORS

Paid R. F. Dodge,	11 days service,	$ 22 00
N. P. Perkins,	12½ " "	25 00
" "	3½ " copying valuation list for Sec'y of State,	6 50
H. W. Porter,	11 days service,	22 00
" "	copying valuation list for Sec'y of State,	4 00
		$ 79 50

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paid Elbridge Porter, service to March 1, 1901,		$ 35 00
Geo. V. Bowden,	" " "	15 00
F. M. Dodge,	" " "	74 00
		$ 124 00

TREASURER

Paid H. E. Durgin, salary one year,	$ 60 00

AUDITOR

Paid Otis D. Brewer, service,	$ 3 00

TAX COLLECTOR

Paid Fred P. Stanton, salary for 1900,	$ 75 00

SELECTMEN

Paid R. F. Dodge, distributing town reports,	$ 2 00
" " 9½ days' service,	19 00
N. P. Perkins, 25½ days' service,	51 00
" " distributing town reports,	1 00
" " service at state election,	2 50
" " journeys out of town and expense paid,	21 00
" " perambulating town lines and cash paid,	7 50
H. W. Porter, distributing town reports,	2 00
" " 24 days' service,	48 00
" " journeys out of town and expense paid,	36 25
" " service at state election,	2 50
" " perambulating town lines,	4 00
	$ 196 75

REGISTRARS

Paid R. F. Dodge,	two sessions,	$ 2 00
N. P. Perkins,	four "	4 00
H. W. Porter,	three sessions and cash paid,	3 25
Wellington Pool,	five sessions and cash paid,	5 25
		$ 14 50

CONSTABLES, POLICE AND CATTLE INSPECTOR

Paid Otis Leonard,	services 1900,	$ 2 00
Taylor C. Lyford,	" for the year,	19 67
Elbridge Porter,	" July 3d and 4th,	2 00
Henry P. Brewer,	" " "	2 00
Henry Alley,	" for the year,	18 73
" "	serving warrants for six town meetings,	15 00
" "	" dog warrant,	6 00
" "	services as inspector of animals,	20 00
" "	Board of Health officer,	19 20
Emma Stanley,	care of insane patient, order of constable,	7 50
H. E. Durgin,	services as special police, July 3d and 4th,	2 00
		$ 114 10

ELECTION OFFICERS

Paid F. H. Tarr,	services as teller, 1900,	$ 2 50
H. A. Moulton,	" " 1901,	2 50
Henry Hobbs,	" ballot clerk, 1901,	2 00
Simeon Dodge,	" " 1901,	2 00
" "	" " 1900,	2 00
Chas. H. Stanton,	" " 1901,	2 00
		$ 13 00

OVERSEERS OF POOR

Paid	N. P. Perkins, service for the year,	5 00
	H. W. Porter, " "	5 00
		$ 10 00

Care of Poor Travelers

Paid	John C. Richards, salary one year,	$ 50 00
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	5 18
		$ 55 18

State Aid

Paid	Joseph Addison,	$ 54 00
	Henry P. Brewer,	72 00
	Ephraim Hathaway,	48 00
	Elb. K. Standley,	56 00
	Ira F. Trask,	12 00
	Joseph B. Woodman,	48 00
	Mary E. Woodman,	48 00
	Edward F. Standley,	48 00
	George W. Pierce,	48 00
	Mary E. Pierce,	48 00
	Mary E. Manning,	16 00
	Mary A. Burpee,	8 00
	Richard A. Bridges,	8 00
	Hannah A. Bridges,	8 00
		$ 522 00

Military Aid

Paid	Daniel A. Homan,	$ 144 00
	Benj. F. Young,	144 00
		$ 288 00

Summary of Ordinary Town Expenses

Schools,	$ 1984 86
School Incidentals,	449 83
High School Tuition,	630 00
Repairs on Highways,	1406 25
Clearing Snow, .	272 02
Town Library,	260 20
Town House and Hall,	165 62
Fire Department,	158 23
Park and Common,	13 60
Incidentals,	1011 68
Support of Poor,	763 47
Soldiers' Relief,	303 34
Care of Poor Travelers,	55 18
State and Military Aid,	810 00
Town Officers,	758 45
	$ 9042 73

EXTRA EXPENSE PAID FOR THE PRESENT YEAR

Extra Highway,	$ 1629 06
New Engine House,	1331 18
	$ 2960 24
State Highway,	3686 92
Total	$ 15,689 89

Tax Collectors' Accounts

Elbridge Porter, Collector for 1894.

To balance on tax list,	$ 12 18
Cr. by abatements,	12 18

J. H. Perkins, Collector for 1895-6-7.

To balance on lists for those years,	68 94
interest on taxes,	2 32
	$ 71 26
Cr. by abatements,	30 80
payments to Treasurer,	40 46
	$ 71 26

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1900

Dr. to Balance on tax list,	1099 54
interest,	27 15
	$ 1126 69
Cr. by payments to Treasurer,	817 00
abatements,	13 76
Uncollected taxes,	295 93
	$ 1126 69

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1901

Dr. to tax list for 1901,	10,059 63
additions to tax list,	1 26
interest on taxes,	2 86
Street Railway excise tax,	522 40
	$ 10,586 15

Cr. by payments to Treasurer,		9,254 00
discount on taxes,		53 97
abatements,		48 76
Uncollected taxes,		1,229 42
		$ 10,586 15

Treasurer's Account

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH H. E. DURGIN, TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Feb. 14, 1901, Balance in treasury,		$ 4,383 55
From the Commonwealth, national bank tax,		347 23
" "	corporation tax,	943 59
" "	street railway tax,	592 09
" "	state aid reimbursed,	442 00
" "	military aid reimbursed,	144 00
" "	Mass. school fund,	530 46
" "	one-half compensation of inspector of animals,	10 00
" "	education of children,	30 00
" "	state highway,	3,686 42
" County Treasurer, dog licenses refunded,		158 42
City of Salem, Longham taxes,		90 77
Town of Ipswich, support of poor,		10 25
Naumkeag National Bank, temporary loan,		5,000 00
Lila Cunningham fund, for support of poor,		500 00
Wellington Pool, donation for library and cemetery,		50 00
Oscar Hosmer, for sale of pound,		25 00
Henry Hobbs for gravel,		2 50
James W. Morgan, tuition of pupil,		8 00
Benjamin H. Conant, librarian, fines, etc.,		10 80

From James H. Perkins, Jr., druggist's license,	$ 1 00
Wellington Pool, rent of hall and piano,	64 55
William F. Trowt, town weigher,	11 85
For sale of town histories,	2 00
junk dealers' licenses,	3 00
sale of cemetery lots,	67 00
From J. H. Perkins, Jr., on account of taxes,	40 46
Fred P. Stanton, " "	10,071 00
	$27,225 94

PAYMENTS

Naumkeag National Bank, temporary loan,	$ 5,000 00
State tax,	612 50
County tax,	890 70
Repairs on state highway,	30 50
State of Mass. 1-4 druggist's license,	25
Interest on temporary loan,	44 17
" Allen cemetery fund,	69 90
" Mary Perkins "	146 35
Cemetery Commissioners,	181 30
Selectmen's orders,	15,689 89
Balance in the treasury,	4,560 38
	$27,225 94

Financial Statement

LIABILITIES

Note due Trustees of Allen Cemetery Fund,	$ 475 00
Interest on the same to Jan. 29, 1902,	26 41
Note due Trustees of Mary Perkins Fund,	3000 00
Interest on the same to Feb. 1, 1902,	60 31
Due the Cemetery Commissioners,	41 74
Estimate of outstanding bills,	1000 00
Balance in favor of the town,	2148 27
	$ 6751 73

RESOURCES

Due from State of Mass., State Aid paid,	$ 522 00
" " " one half of Military Aid paid,	144 00
" Fred P. Stanton, Tax Collector for 1900,	295 93
" " " " " 1901,	1229 42
Balance in the treasury,	4560 38
	$ 6751 73

Report of Trustees of Mary Perkins Fund

Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1901,	$ 56 66
Interest to Feb, 1, 1902,	150 00
Total,	$ 206 66
Allowed to different persons in the form of rent, fuel, supplies, cash, etc.,	146 35
Unexpended Feb. 14, 1902,	$ 60 31

List of Jurors

George W. Jones, laborer,
Simeon Dodge, shoemaker,
George W. Patch, meat dealer,
George E. Perkins, carpenter,
Nathaniel P. Perkins, farmer,
Frank E. Perkins, meat dealer,
Charles H. Stanton, farmer,
Chas. H. McQueeny, conductor,
Leander F. Hodgdon, farmer,
Elmer E. Clark, shoemaker,
William P. Dodge, farmer,
Henry D. Stillman, farmer,
Otis D. Brewer, shoemaker,
David Pingree, farmer.

MACADAM ROAD

By votes of the town, the supervision of the town and state appropriations for this purpose were placed in the hands of the

lectmen. Having had no experience in this class of work (except that gained the previous year), we felt some doubt as to our fitness for its proper management. As we look back we are conscious of some mistakes, and could we have seen the end from the beginning, would have decided differently in some instances. As a whole, however, we feel that the work has been fairly well accomplished, and will prove of lasting benefit to the town. About 2000 square yards was built by town appropriation at an average cost, including grading, of 52 cents per yard. About 4500 square yards was built by the state appropriation, at a cost of about 80 cents per yard.

NEW GUIDE BOARDS

At a special meeting, held in March last, the town voted to change the names of several of the streets and roads, in accordance with the request of the Village Improvement Society. Since that time the society has placed in position 34 new guide boards and street signs, and also 15 boundary signs, which mark the town limits on all the main roads. A committee of the society has, in their behalf, asked the acceptance of the same as town property. We recommend that some suitable action be taken in the matter.

PERAMBULATION OF TOWN LINES

(Chap. 27 of Public Statutes)

In company with the Selectmen of the adjoining towns and the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Beverly*, we have inspected the several town boundary stones and renewed the marks on the same, in compliance with the above statute. With one or two exceptions they were found in good condition, as follows:—On the Manchester line six stones, on the Topsfield line seven stones, on the Danvers line seven stones, on the Beverly line fourteen stones and on the Hamilton line fourteen stones:—in all 48.

(*Beverly in 1900.)

IN MEMORIAM

With feelings of deep regret and sadness we are obliged to record the unexpected death of our esteemed associate, R. Frank Dodge, which occurred Oct. 30th last. He was a member of this board from 1855 to 1858 inclusive, and from 1895 until the time of his death; was a member of the School Committee for 12 years, besides holding various other offices and positions. We think it can be truly said of him that he was ever in sympathy with all matters pertaining to the welfare of the town, and was loyal to its interests. The pleasant memories of his companionship will long be cherished by those with whom he has been associated.

NATH'L P. PERKINS,
HERBERT W. PORTER,
Selectmen of Wenham.

Assessors'. Report

Number of assessed polls	252
Tax on each poll	$ 2 00
Value of assessed Personal property	$ 255,425 00
" " Buildings	541,350 00
" " Land	340,800 00
Total valuation	1,137,575 00
" tax on polls and property	10,059 63
Rate per thousand	8 40
" " 1900	8 80
Increase of valuation from 1900	105,575 00
Number of horses taxed	274
" cows "	372

Neat cattle other than cows taxed	19
Number of fowls assessed	1380
Acres of land "	4578
Dwelling houses "	256
Number of persons assessed	497
" " " on property	408
" " " on poll tax only	89

Cemetery Commissioners

EXPENDED FROM ALLEN FUND

Paid Wm, T. Tucker, labor,	$	8 60
Warren Jones, "		19 80
T. W. Batchelder, "		80
J. L. Batchelder, gravel,		2 40
F. H. Tarr, labor,		16 70
Eldredge Porter,		4 20
S. K. Evans,		17 40
	$	69 90

EXPENDED FROM CEMETERY FUND

Woodward & Ober, supplies,	$	1 35
J. F. Pope & Son, hitching post,		3 00
Warren Jones, labor,		35 35
Mrs. J. M. Julyn, plants,		5 90
Geo. W. Jones, labor,		25 80
F. A. Standley, gravel,		6 20
John Caves, labor,		3 60
A. M. Harrigan, manure,		2 50
Samuel K. Evans, labor,		27 80
F. H. Tarr, labor with team,		56 92
T. M. Barnes, hauling gravel,		10 08
Eldredge Porter, labor,		2 80
	$	181 30

Auditor's Report

The undersigned, having examined the accounts of the several officers, finds the sums correct with vouchers for the payments.

Respectfully submitted,

OTIS D. BREWER, Auditor.

Wenham, Feb. 12, 1902.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commissioners make the following report for the year ending February 1, 1901: The cemetery has been improved from year to year by grading and graveling the avenues, setting out trees and a general cleaning up of the cemetery. Many people have been careless about cleaning up their lots and the Commissioners have arranged for three good dumps where all rubbish should be left. In addition to cleaning and keeping up the cemetery the past year some 500 feet of the Centre Avenue has been graded and graveled. The Commissioners wish to express their thanks to Wellington Pool, Mrs. Mary Cogswell of Salem, Capt. Frank Kimball of New York and all others who have contributed in any way to the improvement of the cemetery.

As the Commissioners have only the money from the sale of lots they recommend that the town raise the sum of $100 for the care and improvement of the cemetery, and $300 for the relaying of the front wall.

WARREN JONES,
SAMUEL K. EVANS,
FRANK H. TARR,
Cemetery Commissioners.

Recommendations

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommend the following department appropriations for the fiscal year 1902-03:

Schools,	$ 1,300 00
School incidentals and music,	400 00
High School tuition,	550 00
Transportation High School pupils,	200 00
Town incidentals,	1700 00
Repairs on highways,	1500 00
Extra highway work,	1500 00
Town Library,	200 00
Support of Poor,	100 00
Interest,	225 00
Fire Department,	200 00
Soldiers Relief,	500 00
Public Cemetery,	100 00

F. P. STANTON, Clerk,
Finance and Advisory Committee.

8495.00

Finance and Advisory Committee

ANNUAL REPORT

The Finance and Advisory Committee had its birth within the year in review and did nothing worthy of note, except organize, until the last days of 1901.

For the information of citizens it may be said that the mission of the committee is designed to be a mission of practical usefulness to the town.

Its errand is to inquire into all matters of proposed legislation that may be referred to it, with a view to ascertain the facts for its own benefit in arriving at conclusions, and for the enlighten-

ment of citizens. Its function is to recommend, not to dictate, to advise against that which may savor of extravagance, and to encourage a moderately progressive policy in municipal affairs. If the committee, through the co-operation of citizens and the diligence and fidelity of its members, shall achieve this end, the original purpose will be realized. The committee has begun its labors without bias and will endeavor to uphold the standard of the public good henceforth.

The committee organized Nov. 19th, 1901, by the choice of Oscar Hosmer, Chairman; Herbert W. Porter, Vice Chairman, and F. P. Stanton, Clerk. It likewise adopted rules for its guidance, which are in the custody of the clerk of the committee.

The committee has no expenses to report for the fraction of the year since the election of its members by the town meeting, as necessary record and expense books and stationery have been provided for present wants without cost to the town, and the clerk has generously offered to serve for this period without remuneration.

The committee has held several working sessions during the latter part of the fiscal year, 1901-02, considering the interests of town in the Hamilton water question, as reported to the late special town meeting, and considering the annual estimates of the Board of Selectmen for department expenditures in 1902-03. It has given hearings, made inquiries and reached conclusions, which latter appear in brief in the printed town report, of which this report comprises a part, and will appear more fully at the annual town meeting in March, or adjournment thereof, when likewise articles in the warrant for the annual March meeting will be reported on by this committee.

The present plan of committee operations, investigating topics in advance of town meetings, was devised to avoid interference with the prevailing custom of this town in choosing officers and proceeding immediately to consideration of miscellaneous business at the annual town meeting. The plan is practical, but has its defects:

1st. It compels rather more expedition in the performance of

committee duty than is consistent with thorough inquiry and deliberate action.

2d. It imposes upon those members of the committee who hold executive offices in the town government additional duties when the demands of the latter offices are naturally considerable.

3d. The reference of matters to the committee under the present plan is necessarily by instalments, and, in making recommendation for town expenditure by similar instalments, the committee cannot act as understandingly and comprehensively as it could do if the time at command was more ample and all proposed outlays were contemporaneously before it.

The town meeting warrant for this year will, it is understood, contain a proposition to adopt the Australian ballot system for the election of town officers. Should such proposition be voted and the town also conclude to devote the first day of the town meeting, or a portion of it, to the election, and then adjourn to a future day for the consideration of other business, a remedy for the difficulties above referred to would be within easy reach. All articles in the town warrant looking to an expenditure of money could then be referred to the committee in a body, and passed upon separately and as a whole by the committee, to the general advantage of all interests.

The committee makes these observations in order that citizens may think about them and be prepared to vote if an occasion to do so shall arise.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Committee.

OSCAR HOSMER, Chairman.

FRED P. STANTON, Clerk.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1901

Fourteen births (six males and eight females) three marriages, and thirty deaths were registered in Wenham in 1901. Fifteen died in Wenham during the year—three of whom were non-residents. Three residents died out of town and were brought here for interment. Five of those who died in town were removed for interment elsewhere, and twelve non-residents were brought here for interment.

DEATHS

1901			Years	Months	Days
March	21	Amelia F. Waters	75	—	4
April	2	—— Aspin	—	—	3
	4	Lucy Woodbury	86	11	29
	26	George B. Dodge (Dea.)	80	7	1
May	4	Isaac Porter	78	1	15
	5	Gladys May Collins	—	10	17
	6	Sarah Welch	81	6	13
June	14	Helen S. Wilson	—	1	24
July	26	Samuel Anderson Porter	40	1	4
Sept.	6	Emily A. Banchor	72	5	22
	15	Charles L. Merrill	62	10	24
Oct.	7	Paul M. Barnes (died in Salem)	76	7	
	14	Jason Wentworth	78		
	23	Jason Clark	80	—	4
	25	Clarissa A. Alley (died in Seabrook, N. H.)	68	2	24
	30	Robert F. Dodge,	72	7	22
	30	Warren Burpee (Late of C Co. 17th Regt. Mass. Vol. Inf. died at Soldiers' Home, Togus, Me.)	68	8	2
Dec.	10	Nancy Cook	84	11	18

List of Non-Residents brought to Wenham for Interment in 1901

Date of Death 1901			Years	Months	Days
Jan.	18	Warren Larrabee (Late of E Co. 48th Regt Mass. Vol. Inf.)	70	1	17
Feb.	18	Charles Mason Baker	30		
March	4	Gracie A. Shattuck	27	7	9
	22	Frank E. Barnes	26	4	16
	31	Harriet A. Larrabee	62	11	6
April	8	Enoch F. Knowlton	79	11	6
	22	Henry A. Peabody	73	4	27
June	20	Mary E. Edgecomb	70	9	
Aug.	24	Samuel A. Dodge	69	9	
Oct.	4	Charles F. Burgess	15	6	
Nov.	12	Tamma K. Meldram	83	2	13
Dec.	23	Frank H. Jones	47	4	3

DOGS

Eighty-five dogs (seventy-three males and twelve females) were licensed, and from the amount received therefor the sum of one hundred and eighty-nine dollars was paid into the county treasury.

The sum of one hundred and fifty-eight dollars and forty-two cents has been refunded.

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham, in the County of Essex, GREETING.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Monday, the third day March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d. To act on the annual reports of the Selectmen, School Committee, Trustees of the Public Library and other town officers.

3d. To choose all necessary town offieers for the year ensuing.

4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the year ensuing; make appropriation of the same, and determine the manner of collecting.

5th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, said loan or loans to be paid from said taxes.

6th. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors prepared by the Selectmen.

7th. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the expenses of "Memorial Day" to be used under the direction of the soldiers and sailors of Wenham.

8th. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay the State and Military Aid for the coming year.

9th. To see what action the town will take in regard to truant scholars.

10th. Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The ballot shall be "Yes" or "No."

11th. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to arrange a union of towns for the purpose of employing a Superintendent of Schools under the provisions of Chapter 466 of the Acts of 1898 and subsequent amendments.

12th. To see if the town will vote to sell or exchange the chemical engine or act anything thereon. Petition of P. H. Kavanagh and others.

13th. To see if the town will vote to adopt the Australian Ballot system for town meetings or act anything thereon.

14th. To hear the report of the committee appointed to revise the By-Laws and act thereon.

15th. To see if the town will vote to provide better accommodations for the janitor and better toilet arrangements for the Town Hall, or act anything thereon.

16th. To hear the report of the committee appointed at the last annual town meeting "to see if any plan can be devised for draining the surface water from the main street near the Brick house," and take such action on the same as seems necessary.

17th. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $300. to relay the wall between the cemetery and the street as petitioned for by S. K. Evans and others.

18th. To see if the town will vote to properly protect the old mile stone near the cemetery and to properly mark the site of "Peter's Hill," as petitioned for by B. H. Conant and others.

19th. To see if the town will vote to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent of Streets in accordance with Chapter 98 of the Acts of 1889, or act anything thereon.

20th. To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee to consider the subject of providing an enlarged or improved school house and library accommodations for the town, the committee to report at some future town meeting. Petition of F. P. Stanton and others.

21st. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town House, one at the Post Office, one at each of the two meeting houses, one at the chapel at Mapleville and one at the eastern part of the town, near the residence of J. K. Dodge in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and two.

NATH'L P. PERKINS,
HERBERT W. PORTER,
Selectmen of Wenham.

Herbert W. Porter
Nath'l P. Perkins
Herbert W. Porter
Selectmen

Names and Location of Streets

HULL STREET, from Grapevine road at (J. K.) Dodge's corner in East Wenham to Hull street in Beverly at the line.

GRAPEVINE ROAD, from Larch Row opposite Frank Cole's house, to the Beverly (Farms) line at East Wenham.

RUBBLY ROAD, from Grapevine road opposite the old "Rubbly-Hill-road" in Wenham Neck to the Hamilton line near the house of the late Jacob Brown.

ESSEX STREET, from Grapevine road, opposite the Thompson house, in Wenham Neck to Essex street in Beverly (Centreville) at the line.

LARCH ROW, from Main street, at the brick house in Wenham Centre, to the Hamilton line near the estate of the late Dea. Prince at Wenham Neck.

DODGE'S ROW, from Larch Row at Wilkins' corner in Wenham Neck to Dodge street in Beverly at the line.

GROVER STREET, from Dodge's Row in Wenham Neck near Mrs. Young's house, to Grover street in Beverly at the line.

WALNUT STREET, from Larch Row at Wilkins' corner at Wenham Neck, to Hamilton line towards "Hamilton and Wenham Depot."

MAIN STREET, in Wenham Centre, from the line near "Hamilton and Wenham Depot," to Enon street in Beverly, at the line east of "Wenham lake."

PERKINS STREET, in Wenham Centre, from Libby's to Porter street.

PORTER STREET, in Wenham Centre, from Arbor street to Union street in Hamilton at the line.

Arbor Street, in Wenham Centre, from Central square to the Hamilton line towards "Asbury Grove."

Central Square, in Wenham Centre, at the junction of Main and Arbor streets.

Friend Court, in Wenham Centre, from Main street at Trowt's store.

Lake Avenue, in Wenham Centre, from Main street near the cemetery towards Wenham lake.

Cherry Street, from Main street at "Herrick's corner" to Topsfield road in West Wenham.

Cedar Street, in Wenham Centre from Cherry street near Robert D. Burns' house, to Topsfield road.

Pleasant Street, from Cherry street at "Braggs Hollow" in Wenham Centre, towards Pleasant pond.

Flint Street, from Cherry street near Mrs. Batchelder's house in West Wenham, to Topsfield road near J. Sumner Brown's.

Topsfield Road, in West Wenham, from Cabot street in Beverly at the line west of Wenham lake, to the Topsfield line north of "Wenham Causeway."

Maple street, from Topsfield road at junction of Cherry street in West Wenham, to Wenham street in Danvers at the line.

Burley Street, from Maple street at Peabody's corner in West Wenham, to Burley street in Danvers—on the line towards Danversport.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1901

BEVERLY, MASS.:
THE CITIZEN PRINTING COMPANY
1902

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Wenham:

In compliance with long established custom and statute requirement the School Committee submit the following report of the Public Schools in the Town of Wenham, for the fiscal year, ending Dec. 31, 1901.

STATISTICS

The Committee received and paid out for the maintenance of the Public Schools, as follows:

Town appropriation,	$ 1,400.00
State school fund,	530.46
Dog tax,	158.42
	$ 2,088.88
Paid for teaching,	$ 1,771.25
" " vocal music,	123.75
" care of rooms and building fires,	89.00
" fuel,	116.91
	$ 2,100.91
Paid for books, stationery, school room supplies, and school incidentals,	$ 148.37
for repairs on school rooms and buildings,	159.71
	$ 308.08
	$ 2,408.99

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Paid City of Beverly tuition to June 30, 1901,	$ 280.00
Eighty dollars of which was for tuition for the year 1900.	
Paid City of Salem tuition to June 30, 1902,	350.00
	$ 630.00

The number of persons in town on the first day of September, 1901, between five and fifteen years of age,—as shown by the school census—one hundred and fifty.

Number of public schools, five.

Whole number of different pupils enrolled during the year, one hundred and twenty-three.

Whole number of different pupils under five years of age enrolled during the year, three.

Whole number of different pupils between seven and fourteen years of age enrolled during the year, eighty-seven.

Whole number of tardy marks during the year, two hundred and ninety-three.

Average membership of all the schools one hundred eleven and one tenth.

Average attendance in all the schools one hundred and four.

Per cent of attendance based upon the average membership, ninety-three and six tenths.

TRANSPORTATION OF HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

The committee, for the purpose of obtaining an expression of opinion of the town in regard to paying the transportation expenses of pupils attending high schools, would call attention to Sec. 4, Chap. 436, from the Acts and Resolves of 1894, which reads: "Any town in which a high school or school of corresponding grade is not maintained, but affording high school instruction by sending pupils to other towns, may pay the necessary transportation expenses of said pupils."

EMPLOYMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The committee would call attention of the town, to Sec. 2, Chap. 248 in the Acts and Resolves of 1900, which reads : "The school committee of towns the valuation of which is less than two million five hundred thousand dollars may, and after July first in the year nineteen hundred and two shall, form unions under the provisions of chapter four hundred and sixty-six of the acts or the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight."

An appropriation by the town will be necessary, in order to meet the above requirement.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS, ETC.

The ceiling of the West schoolroom has been improved by the removal of the old ceiling—which was in a very broken condition—and re-plastering ; the walls have been papered, a new floor laid and the seats re-arranged; these repairs and changes have greatly improved the room and made it inviting and cheerful in appearance.

The coal stove in the Primary room which had become unfit for use has been replaced by a new one.

The school buildings and fence at the Neck have been painted and the windows repaired.

In regard to supplying the Neck school with water, the committee would say that, at a meeting of the school board soon after the annual town meeting, the subject was considered, and it was decided that if we would be sure of having water during the dry season of the year it would be better to defer the matter until the summer vacation, providing the children could be furnished with water in the meantime. Such provision was made; Mr. Kidder very cheerfully granted the privilege of allowing the pupils to obtain all that they needed from his well near by. July 2d a contract was made with Mr. John R. Sargent, who agreed to furnish the Neck school with water sufficient for all school purposes through the year, by means of a driven well, at a cost of one dollar per foot, and in case he failed to obtain the

necessary supply he was to receive no compensation for what he had done or expense incurred. Mr. Sargent did all in his power to fulfil his contract, driving in six or seven different places; water was found but could not be obtained on account of a very fine substance that collected in the pipe and prevented the raising of the water. The committee then decided to have a well dug, and as Mr. Sargent tried so faithfully to drive for water, it was thought no more than just that he should be given the contract, providing his terms were as favorable as others—this being the case the contract was given to Mr. Sargent with the distinct understanding that the work was to be completed while the springs were low. Mr. Sargent delayed commencing the work, and was seen several times by the committee in regard to the delay. Postponements were made from day to day, the days lengthened into weeks until the ground was closed up, and on account of this default in the contract, the Neck school was not supplied with the water—which the committee expected to see provided for the school long before this.

TEXT BOOKS

During the past year the following changes have been made in text books, viz: Jacob's Practical Elementary Speller and the Advanced Practical for higher grades, by the same author,—have been adopted and introduced, in place of Munroe's Elementary and Practical, which have been the text books on spelling, in use in our schools—for many years. Morton's Elementary Geography and Maury's Manual of Geography—revised edition—have also been approved and are now in use, in place of McNally's Elementary and Grammar School Geographies. Metcalf's English Grammar and Elements of English were selected to take the place of Buck's Grammar and Elements, but were not put into the schools, for the reason, the selection was not decided upon until the last week of the school year.

From the comparatively short time that these books have been in use they seem to fully meet the needs of our schools. All of the advantages of these changes, it is not to be supposed, will be-

come apparent in one year, but it is believed that coming years will show such improved results, as will establish the fact that, they were well and wisely made.

READING

The reading generally in our schools, though in the judgment of the committee, better during the past year than it was previously—should be improved. With few exceptions, the best reading is heard in some of the lower grades. The reason, we think, is evident; the pupils read understandingly, or in other words, just as they talked before the school bell called them from their amusements; no wrong tones or inflections were then heard. The children had a clear conception of what they wished to say, and they said it, and said it in such manner as to leave no doubt in the mind of the listener as to the idea they wished to convey. This seems to point out very clearly the method to be pursued if we would train our pupils to become good readers.

The reading exercises should not only be interesting and instructive but also adapted to the age and mental capacity of the pupils, who should be *required* to so thoroughly familiarize themselves with the subject to be read, as to be able, if called upon, to give their interpretation in their own words, and also to read with such expression as would convey a clear idea of the writer's meaning.

While expression has been thus dwelt upon as a necessity in the teaching of reading, yet it is only one factor in the production of a good reader. We are all familiar with the high pitched, strained and too frequently nasal tones, of the "class in reading," tones which produce anything but pleasure to the listener.

Let the teacher demand of her pupils, first of all, a full, natural tone. The proper placing of the voice is quite as necessary as the expression, and is attained often with greater difficulty, but good example and perseverance on the part of the teacher, will usually bring the desired result.

The influence upon the child in maintaining this properly modulated tone is incalculable, and as a part of correct reading, inseparable.

GRAMMAR

Closely allied to reading is the work in grammar. The place of grammar in our school system is too often misunderstood, being regarded as a mild sort of disciplinary study.

We teach our children to read in order that they may have recourse to the best thoughts, expressed in the best manner. Further we teach our children grammar in order that they may understand the rules of expressing thoughts in the best manner, and then too often there is a gap, the theory is not put into practice, in that the every day conversation is plentifully sprinkled with absurd mistakes. It is useless to teach the child to glibly state that a singular verb must have a singular subject, and allow him, uncorrected, to say: "he don't," etc. Careful instruction in the use of the English language must extend through the school session.

TEACHERS

The schools have been greatly improved in mental discipline and instruction as a necessary result of the continued service of the teachers.

With the exception of the Neck School, the same teachers have been in charge of their respective schools for several years, and, as a class, by their faithful and well directed efforts in the training of children, have earned and are deserving the confidence and gratitude of the citizens of the town.

The training of the future citizen to become a useful member of the community is the foundation of our public school system. To the accomplishment of this purpose, the teacher must bring such a diversity of talent as is rarely found. The stronger the magnetism, the more varied the resources, the greater the success of the teacher.

That our schools have maintained a good standing, and that the committee can report favorably upon their condition is sufficient proof that, the town has entrusted its youth to an efficient corps of teachers.

MUSIC

This branch of school work was continued under the special instruction and supervision of Mrs. Bertha M. Perkins, who has given to the pupils of our schools, another year of earnest and efficient service; a detailed account of which will be found in the sub-joined report of the music teacher.

To the School Committee of Wenham:

As regards the report of music in the schools for the year nineteen hundred and one, I would say that fairly good work has been done.

The Center Primary school was given the Chart Series B at the beginning of the Spring term. This was so well mastered, that the Natural Music Primer Book was commenced in September. Good progress has been made in two part songs and a lively interest manifested.

The Center Grammar school was given the Chart Series C also the First Reader. Being the first year of this schools work in this course of music a good advancement has been made. The pupils have attained an independence in their singing that has been a great help in the two-part exercises.

The old Educational Chart was transferred to the East school and both advanced and primary classes have done good work.

The Neck school commencing with the Fall term, has made great progress in music. I cannot say too much in favor of the co-operation of the teacher in this line of work. She has labored faithfully to raise this school to the average from its low standard of last year. Both classes are making good progress in music.

The West school has been studying from Chart Series B and has done fairly well considering the few singers. The advanced class has used the Book one for the ungraded schools.

A very good foundation has been laid in this Natural Course in Music and I would recommend that new advanced charts be supplied each school for the coming year, that the children may

have a gradual training which cannot fail to give most gratifying results.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA M. PERKINS,

Teacher of Music.

WEST SCHOOL

With the close of the school year of 1901, Miss Rose A. Manning will have been in charge of this school nearly six years. From the continued connection of Miss Manning with the school for so long a time two facts are made very apparent: first, that it is good evidence that she loves her work, and second, that her services as a teacher and disciplinarian are appreciated, not only by those whose children have enjoyed the benefits of her instruction and council, but by others also who prize very highly work that is well done by those occupying the position of teachers in our public schools.

The work of the school during the past year has been carried forward, not with the turmoil and noise of the rapids, but unwaveringly and noiselessly like the deep flowing river. Through the year Miss Manning has very quietly, carefully and wisely labored to impress upon the children under her charge the necessity of forming correct habits of thought and mental application, in this formative period of their lives, thus preparing the way for them to intelligently apply themselves in their present and future acquisition of mental power.

To enter into the details of the past year is deemed unnecessary; we will only say, therefore, that the school throughout the year was in excellent condition, the mental discipline was excellent and the government effective and of the right character.

The examination, covering the work of the year, so far as time would allow, was made on Monday, Dec. 16th, and afforded abundant evidence of the industry, patience, zeal and "tact" of the teacher both in governing and instructing her pupils. The younger classes in number work, and those commencing mental arithmetic, by their prompt and correct answers gave very clear

proof that what they had been required to do in this line of work they had done thoroughly—there was no guessing. The more advanced classes in mental arithmetic sustained a very searching examination; the tests applied to the pupils in written arithmetic showed that they had received the same careful training as in their mental work, and were prompt in their answers, correct and clear in their reasoning process. The second class in grammar showed a good beginning in the study of simple sentences; the pupils of the first class gave proof that they had not only carefully studied the "text" of grammar, but were able and ready to apply the rules and principles to parsing and analysis. Excellent results were made apparent by each of the classes in geography; the pupils of the first class were not as familiar with the events covered by their year's work in history as they were in their other studies. The writing books were very neatly kept and exhibited a good degree of improvement.

The examination fully met the expectations of the committee and furnished abundant evidence that progress had been made along true educational lines and that time, money and labor were profitably employed, as they have been in the previous years of Miss Manning's work.

Not absent during the fall term:—Alden W. Batchelder, Roscoe B. Batchelder, Ruth E. Bowden, Curtland C. Brown, Ida M. Cook, Edmund G. Haskell, Bertha M. Randall, Horace J. H. Sears, James W. Sears and Jesse E. Wilson. Winter term:—Edmund G. Haskell, and Jesse E. Wilson. Spring term:—Roscoe B. Batchelder, George F. Sears, Horace J. H. Sears and James W. Sears. During the year,—Ethel V. Cook, who was not absent the previous year, but whose name was omitted in the report by mistake.

The number of tardy marks for the year was seventy-one.

The number of dismissions during the year was twenty-seven. Average per cent of daily attendance, 96.9.

EAST SCHOOL

For the sixth year Miss Florence E. Dodge, was continued

in charge of this school, the history of which, for the year just closed, does not differ essentially from that of the previous years while under her care.

During this somewhat long term of service in the same position, Miss Dodge has not allowed either herself or her school to fall into a mechanical routine, but has been keenly alive to the necessity of keeping in touch with the educational progress of the times, if she would place her school upon a higher and broader plane of intellectual attainments.

From the known positive character of the government and instruction with which the pupils would be favored, the zeal and progressive nature of the teacher, most encouraging results were expected.

The supervision of the school, for the year, was a work of genuine pleasure, in consequence of the evidence furnished from time to time—in the thorough preparation of lessons on the part of the pupils, the spirited and thorough manner of conducting the recitations by the teacher—of the progressive unfolding of the mental powers of the children committed to the care of Miss Dodge.

Interest in all school requirements, industry, a ready and cheerful obedience to school authority characterized the daily routine throughout the year.

The examination made on Tuesday, Dec. 17th, was very thorough and reflected much credit upon teacher and pupils. In the department of reading the careful attention of the previous year was continued with marked improvement, noticeable in each of the classes as they passed in review; the classes in mental arithmetic showed an excellent foundation for more advanced work; the pupils in written arithmetic and technical grammar were thoroughly familiar with the definitions, principles and rules, of each study, and very ready and accurate in practically applying them to the subjects respectively; the examination of the pupils in history and the class in language gave unqualified satisfaction; the classes in geography proved themselves well prepared in those subjects to which their attention had been given; the work in writing was excellent.

The results of the year's work show that the school in its entirety merits the confidence and approval of its patrons and the commendation of the committee.

Not absent during the fall term:—Laura S. Wyatt and Clara E. Williams. Winter term:—Clara E. Williams. During the year: Gertie Williams, Addie M. Williams and Anna Williams.

Number of tardy marks during the year was six.

Dismissions for the year, none.

Average per cent of daily attendance, 97.

NECK SCHOOL

By reference to the report of this school for the previous year the patrons and those interested in the school will be reminded that it passed through a very trying experience during that year, the pupils having had the misfortune to be placed under the care and instruction of three different teachers, a serious drawback to real progress and to a certain extent demoralizing in its effect.

Miss Mary L. Parmenter, who was in charge of the school during the last term of the previous school year, was continued as teacher during the winter and spring terms of the year just closed.

While the results of Miss Parmenter's first term of service in this school were not all that could be desired, or perhaps reasonably expected, the committee felt that she was placed somewhat at a disadvantage taking charge of the school on the last twelve weeks of the school year, at the close of which came the yearly examination, and that in this time she had to go through the experience of every teacher in taking a new school. Teacher and pupils were to become acquainted; the dispositions, peculiar temperaments and habits of her pupils must be learned before effort can be most advantageously employed—all of which takes time, it is not the work of a day.

This knowledge of the condition of the school, the attainments of the pupils and in what direction her efforts could be best directed to secure the most satisfactory results, Miss Parmenter was already in possession of from her previous twelve weeks'

experience; therefore she was thoroughly prepared to do efficient work, in so far as a knowledge of her pupils and the wants of the school were concerned. Under these conditions it was thought best for the interests of the school and as a matter of simple justice to Miss Parmenter, that she be engaged for the terms as already stated, with the hope that, by the continuation of her efforts of the previous term the pupils would become so interested and stimulated in their school work as to place the school upon a higher plane of mental discipline and development, and that teacher and pupils would thereby render a fair equivalent for the privilege and opportunities enjoyed.

The subsequent history of the school while under Miss Parmenter's instruction gave unmistakable evidence that her efforts to awaken in her pupils a deeper interest in their school work were not reciprocated as they should have been, in consequence of which the results realized were disappointing.

Miss Parmenter, having fulfilled her engagement, closed her connection with the school at the end of the spring term.

There were several applications for the position thus made vacant, which was filled by the appointment of Miss Bertha C. Hatch of Kittery, Me. This appointment was made by the committee after they had made much inquiry in regard to Miss Hatch's success in those places where she had previously taught, in each of which the report was highly creditable to her, both as a teacher and disciplinarian.

Miss Hatch entered upon her duties at the beginning of the fall term, Monday, Sept. 9, and though she came a stranger to the school she was not to the duties and requirements of the school room. In visiting the school while under the care of Miss Hatch and observing the general management of the teacher, her method of instruction, efficiency and tact in the government and discipline of her pupils, it was apparent that she was "mistress of the situation" to which she had been assigned, and that no mistake had been made in committing the school and its interests to her care; the inspection of the school throughout the term, revealed the fact that, everything connected with the school-room work was required to be done thoroughly, systematically and promptly.

The government was mild but firm and effective, and the pupils very soon came to understand that the teacher's word was law—a law that must be obeyed to the letter. The instruction was definite, thorough and practical; guessing was allowed no part in the daily recitations. As a result of determined effort and unremitting labor on the part of the teacher, there was an increased general interest, attended by a manifest improvement in application, energy and promptness on the part of the entire school, which completely revolutionized the daily routine work of the school-room, rendering it an attractive busy mental work room, the products of which were the formation of correct habits of mental application and the development of intellectual power as applied to school-room studies.

The examination of the school made on Wednesday, Dec. 18, furnished abundant evidence of earnest and persistent effort on the part of the teacher, to give that kind of mental training to her pupils that would aid them, in laying a mental foundation that, would stand the test to wisely meet and discharge the duties of every day life. In our notes taken at the time we find the following:—spelling—the pupils of the several classes according to their respective ages, gave an excellent account of their attainments in this very important, though often neglected school study; reading—the position and attention of the pupils were evidences of a genuine interest in the exercise which foreshadowed real progress that was fully justified by the pupils in their clear tone of voice, distinct enunciation, etc.; arithmetic—the pupils both in mental and written did themselves great credit for promptness and accuracy and in their very clear and full explanation; good work was done by the pupils in technical grammar; language—the class in this branch commenced the study under the instruction of Miss Hatch, the examination of the class developed a keen interest in the study and the results were excellent. The examination in music was conducted by the music teacher and gave evidence of real progress in this branch of study.

The results, as shown by the examination, reflects great credit upon the teacher, for the thoroughness of her work, and

upon the pupils, for their interest and attainments in school requirements.

Not absent during the fall term :—Ruth Cole, Francis Lovett and Albert Pembroke. Spring term :—Louis Lovett.

The number of tardy marks for the year was one hundred forty-five.

The number of dismissions for the year was ten.

Average per cent of daily attendance 88.

CENTRE GRAMMAR

Again it is the pleasure of the committee to report that the pupils of this school have been favored with the privilege of pursuing their school work under the supervision of Mrs. Grace H. Gould, who has so faithfully, earnestly and satisfactorily taught the children of this district for so long a period.

The past school year has been one of zealous effort on the part of Mrs. Gould to lead her pupils carefully along the prescribed lines of school work and as in previous years to discipline them to habits of independent thought and personal application ; for the accomplishment of such a desirable purpose, this alert teacher, utilized whatever came under her observation which she considered would be of interest to her pupils; by such efforts in various ways, new desires were awakened—especially among the more advanced pupils—for farther information and a renewed impetus was imparted to school-room pursuits.

The condition of the school for the year was deserving of commendation. The order was invariably good, the mental discipline of the right character and a spirit of mutual kindness, confidence and good will was apparent, giving to the school-room a place of attraction and profit.

A prominent feature of the school, and one indicative of its progressive character is the improvement in the daily attendance, since it has been in charge of Mrs. Gould. This will be apparent by a comparison. During the year 1893, Mrs. Gould's first year in charge of the school, the per cent of daily attendance was, 91.1; and that of the year just closed 95.3, facts which speak for them-

selves and are a fair index of the improvement made in mental development in the corresponding time.

The ground covered, during the year's work, in the various branches, was quite sufficient to fully occupy the time and tax the ability of the pupils and that the work was well done was made convincingly apparent during the final examination which was made on Thursday, Dec. 19th, and gave excellent satisfaction. The proficiency of the pupils in all of the studies in which they were examined as well as the quality of the instruction received by them were thoroughly tested and approved ; the pupils in language gave an excellent exhibit of what had been accomplished in this study, which showed that a correct foundation had been laid upon which they could safely depend in their more advanced study in this important branch ; the classes in geography were quick in responding to all requisitions made upon them and exhibited a very familiar knowledge of the Western Hemisphere ; the classes in written arithmetic were not found deficient either in a knowledge of the principles and rules of the study or in ability to intelligently apply them, the oral spelling of the school was good. Where all was good it seems needless to particularize, but the thoroughness and superiority of the recitations of the pupils in U. S. History and of the entire school in mental arithmetic were regarded as meriting special commendation. The examination in music was made by the music teacher, Mrs. B. M. Perkins, and in the judgment of the committee substantial progress had been made.

Miss Emma L. Fenton has presented to the school an interesting collection of geological specimens which are useful adjuncts to the work in geography.

Collections of different natures, animal, vegetable or mineral, are very helpful in school work and specially desirable in the country where children have less opportunity for seeing the large museums, in connection with their studies.

Neither absent nor tardy during the fall term :—Edith C. Alley, Florence A. Alley, Mercy G. Abbott, Alice M. Cook, Grace E. Perkins, Helen E. Patch, Melvina A. Stanton, Randolph A. Dodge, Charles T. Quimby, Walter P. Wildes and Raymond

K. Tarr. Winter term:—Edith C. Alley, Grace E. Perkins, Martha E. Perkins, Leroy F. Clark, Charles T. Quimby and Edward Sargent. Spring term:—Grace E. Perkins, Martha E. Perkins, Rose E. Rollins, Randolph A. Dodge and Richard E. Gould. For the entire year, Grace E. Perkins.

Entire number of tardy marks for the year forty-one, twenty-one of which belong to the same boy.

Number of dismissions forty-eight.

Average per cent of daily attendance for the year 95·3.

CENTRE PRIMARY

As skill and success result from continued effort in any department of labor, and in none is it more evident than in that of schoolroom employment, the committee considered that it was for the best interest of the school that it should be continued under the care of its previous teacher; therefore Miss Ruth A. Gould was re-elected to continue her services.

In visiting the school the advantages of Miss Gould's previous knowledge of her pupils and a thorough understanding of the condition and requirements of the school were at once apparent from the ready manner with which teacher and pupils entered upon their school work.

While we would not criticise the general method of instruction, we would say that some of the pupils, especially the older ones, have not yet learned how to study. This was very apparent in their work in geography, which showed a decided lack of individual application. Miss Gould was by no means insensible to this defect in her pupils, and endeavored, so far as she was able, to correct it; though not wholly successful much was accomplished in the way of improving their habits of study. In reading and spelling the same method was followed with the younger pupils, —of which there was a large number—as that of previous years, blackboard exercises, in which the little ones manifested a live interest. The reading of the older pupils received more than the usual attention and fair improvement was made. In memorizing the multiplication table and in number work the pupils did excellent work. The same is true of the pupils in written arith-

metic, who have done very thorough work in the fundamental rules and principles. Some attention has been given to language study—more is needed, especially with the pupils of the first class. The dictation exercises of the younger portion of the school were very creditable.

A fair amount of ground was covered during the year's work as was shown by the examination made on Friday, Dec. 20th, when the several classes were tested, so far as time would permit, in the work of the year, the results of which were creditable to the teacher and her pupils. Mrs. Perkins conducted the examination in music, and very thoroughly tested the ability of the pupils, who promptly met the demands of the teacher in such a manner as left no doubt as to the thoroughness of the work and the advance made in music.

The classes in mental and written arithmetic and also the correct position of all of the pupils, and their excellent attention at the time of recitation are deserving of special commendation.

Neither absent nor tardy during the fall term :—Evelyn Lyford, Catherine O'Connors, Louise Patch, Carrie Stanton, Ida Whiting, Albert Jones and Donald Lyford. Winter term :—Catherine O'Connors, Ethel Perkins, Ruth Perkins, Florence Whiting, Frank Sargent and Mildred Perkins. Spring term :—Evelyn Lyford, Louise Patch, Mildred Perkins, Florence Whiting, Ida Whiting and Robert Tarr.

Number of tardy marks for the year, thirty.

Number of dismissions was twenty-four.

Average per cent of daily attendance for the year 92.03.

FRANCIS M. DODGE,
ELBRIDGE PORTER,
GEORGE V. BOWDEN,
} School Committee of Wenham.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

To the Citizens of Wenham:

The Seventeenth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library for the year ending December 31, 1901, is herewith presented:

At the annual town meeting in March, Mr. Frederick F. Abbott was re-elected to the Board of Trustees for the term of three years, so that at that time the Board was constituted as follows:

Benjamin H. Conant,	present term	expires	March,	1902.
Henry A. Moulton,	"	"	"	1903.
Frederick F. Abbott,	"	"	"	1904.

The organization of the Board remains the same as for the previous year: viz., Henry A. Moulton, Chairman, and Benjamin H. Conant, Secretary and Librarian.

Late in the autumn Mr. Abbott removed to an adjoining town, thus rendering his place on the Board vacant, and making it necessary to elect a new member at the next annual town meeting to serve for the remaining two years of his term.

It was with deep regret that the remaining members of the Board learned of Mr. Abbott's decision to remove from our town. He has during his entire service been a most efficient member, always having the best interests of the Library at heart, and doing all in his power to promote its welfare and extend its usefulness. After his departure Miss Annie D. Trowt was invited to assist in the distribution of books at the Library, a work in which she has rendered very efficient aid and for which she is entitled to the sincere thanks of the Trustees.

The work of the Library has been continued throughout the

year on the same general lines as heretofore, being open to the public for the exchange of books every Wednesday afternoon and evening, with the exception of the month of July, which was devoted to the annual examination of the books.

The teacher and pupils of the Grammar school and those of our young people who are attending the higher schools in other places have made a considerable use of the Library in connection with their school work. These have always received a cordial welcome and been aided in their researches to the best of our ability.

The East and West Wenham branches have been continued as heretofore, the interest in the Library in those parts of the town being fully sustained.

During the year a larger number of new books than usual have been added to the Library, among them many of special value and timeliness.

In regard to the expenditure of the town's appropriation, we are fully convinced of the wisdom of the plan adopted last year, whereby a considerable portion of the available funds was reserved for the purchase of books at intervals throughout the year. By this means we are enabled to keep in closer touch with the times, and to supply many of the newer books while they are being talked about. The frequent addition of new books also serves to keep up the interest of the readers.

Two bulletins of books added during the year have been issued, one in May and one in December. These have been printed in the usual form, and are intended to be inserted by the readers in the regular catalogues previously issued, thus making them complete to date.

Fresh additions have been made in each of the various classes in the Library. In making our selections, we have always endeavored to obtain such books as seemed likely to be of permanent value. While we do not claim to have made the best possible selection, the many commendations which we have received, (chiefly from the more thoughtful readers), is evidence that it is in the main satisfactory.

Among the more important additions of the year may be noted the following titles. In History, Eggleston's "Beginners of a Nation," and "Transit of Civilization"; Roosevelt's "Winning of the West"; Halsey's "Old New York Frontier"; Codman's "Arnold's Expedition to Quebec"; Fiske's "Mississippi Valley in the Civil War"; Hopkins' "Political Parties in the United States"; McClure's "Our Presidents, and How We Make Them"; Foster's "Century of American Diplomacy"; Blaine's "Twenty Years of Congress," and Miss Latimer's Series of Nineteenth Century Histories of the Leading European Nations. In Biography, Brady's "Recollections of a Missionary in the Great West"; Evans' "Sailor's Log"; "Gail Hamilton's Life in Letters"; Howell's "Literary Friends and Acquaintances"; Washington's "Up from Slavery" and Wildman's "Aguinaldo." In Travel and Descriptive Works, Wilson's "Rambles in Colonial Byways"; Brooks' "First Across the Continent"; Nansen's "Farthest North"; Johnson's "Along French Byways"; Bates' "Spanish Highways and Byways"; Smith's "Village Life in China" and the celebrated "Stoddard Lectures." In Science, Williams' "Story of Nineteenth Century Science"; Iles' "Flame, Electricity and the Camera"; Keeler's "Our Native Trees, and How to Identify Them," and Comstock's "Insect Life." In Poetry, Stedman's "American Anthology." In Religion, Bradford's "Age of Faith"; Dole's "Coming People," and "Theology of Civilization," and Hillis' "Influence of Christ in Modern Life." In Essays and Miscellaneous Works, Carnegie's "Gospel of Wealth"; Roosevelt's "Civil Service," and "American Ideals"; Wendell's "Literary History of America," and Wingate's "What Shall Our Boys do for a Living? Also fifty-eight volumes of bound magazines.

All of these and many others perhaps of equal interest may be found in the two bulletins issued during the year.

In the Fiction List, as our readers are well aware, may be found a liberal selection of the most noted recent publications. The young people have also received their full share of attention, about sixty juvenile books having been added either by purchase or gift.

We wish we could report a more general use of books of a similar character to those mentioned above. A circulation of only about fifteen per cent in all non-fiction classes combined would seem to indicate that the appetite for the more thoughtful and instructive literature was hardly up to the normal standard.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY

The gifts to the Library during the past year have been more numerous than ever before. Books, magazines and miscellaneous papers have been received from many of the old friends of the Library as well as from others who have now contributed for the first time. Among the more notable of these may be mentioned: a gift of twenty-five dollars from Mr. Wellington Pool; twenty-six bound volumes of the Atlantic Monthly magazine from Mrs. A. D. Kilham of Beverly; nine bound volumes of the Bay State and New England magazines, together with several other valuable books from Miss Elizabeth Porter Gould of Boston; Miss Gould also gave a complete set to date of the Essex Antiquarian, five volumes in numbers. Our native townsman, Mr. Richard E. Dodge of New York, has continued his magazine, "The Journal or School Geography," another year. This publication we have received regularly from its first appearance in 1897. From Alden P. White Esq. of Salem we have received a set of the John L. Stoddard Lectures in ten volumes, and other books of value. From George H. Woodbury of Wenham the complete works of Rev. William E. Channing, D. D., in six volumes, and from the Wenham Congregational Sunday School some forty volumes of juvenile literature. Messrs. Oscar Hosmer, Andrew D. Trowt and Mrs. James B. Pickett have made additional contributions of magazines. Rev. Mr. Turk, pastor of the Congregational Church, has taken a good deal of interest in the Library and presented several volumes of religious works. He has also issued a card in the name of the church, calling special attention to certain religious books of a helpful character which may be found in the Library. This has resulted in an increased call for this class of books.

Of government publications a considerable number have been received, chiefly through our representatives in Congress and the State Legislature. Many other gifts might be noted, but want of space forbids. A full list, however, may be found in the tables of statistics following.

The Trustees desire to express their appreciation of these numerous gifts, and to extend their thanks to all who have during the year helped to make the Library of greater value to the inhabitants of the town.

CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY

Every book belonging to the Library was fully accounted for at the annual examination in July. One damaged book has been paid for, and this with several other worn-out books, have been replaced by new copies. A considerable number besides have been laid aside and practically, though not as yet formally, withdrawn from the Library. These are mostly of that class generally considered as of very slight literary value, the permanent withdrawal of which we believe will be no detriment to the Library.

It has been our custom for several years in making up our report to call the attention of readers to the need of greater care in the use of the books. This need still exists, though perhaps not to so great an extent as formerly. Readers should always keep in mind that the more carefully the books are handled the less will be the expense of keeping them in serviceable condition, and consequently the more money will be available for the addition of other desirable books.

NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY

Additional room seems to be one of the most pressing needs of the Library at the present time. Several of the divisions have outgrown the original space allotted to them and are encroaching on that of others, so that whenever new books are added it becomes necessary to shift over the entire Library. Sufficient space should be allowed in each class so that the books can be

arranged in an orderly and systematic manner and still leave room for future additions. In order to make room for the books in the circulating department the Librarian has been obliged to store at his own house a considerable quantity of matter belonging to the Library. As to how this condition of things can best be remedied is an important question, which should receive careful consideration and not be too hastily disposed of.

Several other things are much needed in order to make the Library of more use to the schools and to others who are studiously inclined, such as the procuring of standard reference books and the preparation of a card index to the books now uncatalogued. These things, though properly under the jurisdiction of the Trustees, have hitherto been postponed chiefly on account of the expense involved, which would make such large inroads upon our usual appropriation that the ordinary readers who use the Library principally as a source of entertainment and recreation would be dissatisfied with their allotment. In view of our present limited accommodations, some of these more useful though expensive books could now be purchased, providing the appropriations are not diminished.

There is one other matter which we feel some delicacy in introducing, namely: The providing of a suitable compensation for the care of the Library. People in general have little idea of the amount of time and labor that has been freely given for the benefit of the Library during the last ten or twelve years. We believe that in consideration of the present financial condition of the town, an adequate renumeration for this service could well be afforded.

STATISTICS OF THE LIBRARY

For the Year 1901

CIRCULATION

Days on which the Library has been open for exchange of books (afternoon and evening,)	47
Volumes lent at Central Library,	2,925
" " East Wenham Branch,	339
" " West Wenham "	402

Total number of volumes lent,	3,666
Volumes renewed,	254
Average weekly delivery,	78
Largest " " Dec. 11,	131
Smallest " " Dec. 25,	34
Volumes lost,	0
Volumes damaged and paid for,	1
Number of different individuals who have taken books during the year,	263
New names added,	32
Whole number of different individuals who have taken books since the present system of administration has been in use (1893),	583

CLASSIFICATION AND USE

	Volumes catalogued Dec. 31, 1900	Volumes added	Volumes catalogued Dec. 31, 1901	Volumes lent at Central Library	Volumes lent at East Wenham Branch	Volumes lent at West Wenham Branch	Whole number of volumes lent
History	341	42	383	109	17	7	133
Biography	264	24	288	62	9	8	79
Travel and Description	206	28	234	94	9	13	116
Science and Agriculture	157	8	165	41	3	10	54
Poetry	47	1	48	11	0	3	14
Religion	85	9	94	26	1	0	27
Essays and Miscellaneous	303	75	378	113	5	20	138
Total Non-Fiction	1403	187	1590	456	44	61	561
Fiction	1384	125	1509	2469	295	341	3105
Total including Fiction	2787	312	3099	2495	339	402	3666

Per cent of circulation,	Non-Fiction	15.31
" "	Fiction	84.69
		100.00

ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY

	Catalogued	Not Catalogued	Total
Volumes added during the year			
by purchase	203	5	208
by donation	85	59	144
" Magazines bound from numbers donated	27	0	27
Whole number of volumes added	315	64	379
Volumes withdrawn,	3	0	3
Net gain during the year 1901,	312	64	376
Volumes in Library Dec. 31, 1900,	2787	799	3586
" " Dec. 31, 1901,	3099	863	3962
Pamphlets in Library Dec. 31, 1900,			638
" added by donation during the year,			226
" in Library Dec. 31, 1901,			864

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Periodicals, Etc.
Abbott, Frederick F., Wenham,	1		
Adams Nervine Asylum, Jamaica Plain,		1	
American Free Trade League, Boston,		1	
Berry, John M., Millbury, Mass.,		1	
Beverly (Mass.) Public Library,		2	
Choate, Joseph H.,		1	
Conant, Woodbury P., Salem,	3	36	
Cook, Everett C., Danvers,			12 numbers
Dana, Richard A., Boston,		1	
Deering, Harvester Co., Chicago, Ill.,	1		
Dodge, Mrs. Calvin B., Beverly,	1		
Dodge, Richard E., New York City,			10 numbers
Gould, Miss Elizabeth Porter, Boston,	11	1	57 numbers
Guild, Mrs. Charles E., Brookline,	1		
Homan, Daniel A., Wenham,	1		
Hosmer, Oscar, Wenham,			156 numbers
Kilham, Mrs. A. D., Beverly,	28		

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Periodicals, Etc.
King, Charles A., Beverly,	1		
Lake Mohonk Arbitration Conference,		1	
Mass. Agricultural College, Hatch Experimental Station, Amherst,		23	
Sec'y Commonwealth, Boston,	22	5	
Soldiers' Home, Chelsea,		1	
Sons of the Revolution, Boston,	1		
State Library, Boston,		1	
Mills, William S., Brooklyn, N. Y.,	1		
Moody, Wm. H. (M.C.) Washington, D.C.,	1	1	Cong.Record
Pickett, Mrs. James B., Wenham,			9 numbers
Pool, Wellington, Wenham,	22	127	$25.00
Practical Politics, Publishers, Boston,			15 numbers
Proctor, Mrs. James H., Ipswich,	4		26 numbers
Salem (Mass.) Public Library,		2	
Salem (Mass.) Water Board,		1	
Trowt, Andrew D., Wenham,		1	71 numbers
Turk, Rev. Morris H., Wenham,	3		
U. S. Government Publications			
Bureau of American Republics,			12 numbers
Bureau of Education,	2		
Bureau of Foreign Commerce,		10	12 numbers
Department of Agriculture,		12	
Interstate Commerce Commission,	1		
Naval War Records,	2		
Smithsonian Institution,	3		
Smithsonian National Museum,	2		
War Department,		1	
Unknown, "The Congregationalist,"			Sub. 1 year
Wenham Cong. Sunday School,	43		
Wenham-Hamilton Star, Publishers,			Sub. 1 year
Wenham, Town of		1	
White, Alden P., Salem,	12		
Woodbury, George H., Wenham,	6		
	173	231	

Duplicates not included in accession report,	29	5
Gifts to the Library, not including duplicates,	144	226

Several other gifts have been received since Jan. 1, 1902, which will be given due acknowledgment in the next annual report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1901

Unexpended balance with Town Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1900,	$ 26 08
Town appropriation, March 1901,	200 00
Gift of Wellington Pool, Esq.,	25 00
Received from Frederick F. Abbott, for book,	75
fines to Dec. 31, 1901,	8 90
sale of cards " "	40
" one catalogue	25
damaged book,	50
Total receipts,	$ 261 88

EXPENDITURES

Expenses of Trustees to Boston,				$ 3 45
DeWolf, Fiske & Co.,	books,	182	volumes,	180 33
Congregational Pub. Society,	"	4	"	3 18
Little, Brown & Co.,	"	3	"	2 75
R. H. White & Co.,	"	4	"	1 00
James T. White & Co.,	"	1	"	1 00
Doubleday, Page & Co.,	"	1	"	1 00
George D. Morse,	"	2	"	4 00
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn,	"	7	"	6 98
R. S. Bauer,	"	4	"	3 44
American express,				1 30

F. J. Barnard & Co., binding books and magazines,	15 95
Subscription to "Bookman," one year,	2 00
Beverly Citizen Co., printing,	11 40
Stationary, postage, money orders, and all other incidental expenses,	2 42
Total expenditures,	$ 240 20
Unexpended balance with Town Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1901,	21 68
Dec. 31, 1901. Paid Horace E. Durgin, Town Treasurer, the amount received for fines, etc., during the year 1901,	10 80

EDWIN D. HAWKINS' FUND

Amount of Mr. Hawkins' legacy, received 1897,	$ 125 00
Deposited in Beverly Savings Bank, Oct. 1897,	100 00
Balance appropriated for books,	$ 25 00
Accrued interest on deposit to Oct. 1901,	15 67
	$ 40 67
Expended for books (15 volumes) previous to Dec. 31, 1901,	23 55
Balance available Dec. 31, 1901,	$ 17 12

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. H. CONANT,
Sec'y of Trustees and Librarian,
Wenham Public Library.

Wenham, Mass., Feb. 14, 1902.

Town of Wenham

Annual Reports

1902-1903

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Year Ending February 14, 1903

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For the Year Ending December 31, 1902

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Trustees of the Public Library

BEVERLY, MASS.
THE CITIZEN PRINTING COMPANY
1903

Town Officers for the Year 1902-1903

Moderator—Horace E. Durgin.

Town Clerk—Wellington Pool.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Fence Viewers—Nathaniel P. Perkins, Herbert W. Porter, Otis D. Brewer.

Town Treasurer—Horace E. Durgin.

Collector of Taxes—Fred P. Stanton.

Auditor—James B. Pickett.

School Committee—George V. Bowden 1903, Elbridge Porter 1904, Morris H. Turk 1905.

Constables—Charles H. McQueeny, Henry P. Brewer, Taylor C. Lyford.

Special Police—Charles H. McQueeny chief, Henry P. Brewer, Taylor C. Lyford.

Trustees of Public Library—Henry A. Moulton 1903, Morris H. Turk 1904, Benjamin H. Conant 1905.

Board of Health—Chester S. Cook 1903, Henry Alley 1904, Fred P. Stanton 1905.

Commissioners of Cemeteries—Warren Jones 1903, Samuel K. Evans 1904, Frank H. Tarr 1905.

Surveyors of Highways—Ward 1, Addison Williams; ward 2, Samuel M. Hill; ward 3, James L. Cole, ward 4, Arthur M. Harrigan; ward 5, Frank H. Tarr; ward 6, Sargent M. Knowlton; ward 7, Chester S. Cook; ward 8, J. Sumner Brown; ward 9, Charles W. Perkins.

Tree Warden—Jeremiah Kavanagh.

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark—John K. Dodge, Arthur D. Prince, Herbert W. Porter, James H. Perkins.

Sealers of Weights and Measures—James H. Perkins.

Town Weighers—William F. Trowt, John K. Dodge, William P. Dodge.

Firewards and Forest Firewards—Horace E. Durgin chief, Fred P. Stanton clerk, Frank H. Tarr, Levi S. Lord, Daniel A. Homan, Simeon Dodge, Chester S. Cook, Edward F. Stanley, Addison Williams.

Inspector of Animals—Henry Alley.

Keeper of Lockup and Tramps—John C. Richards.

Finance and Advisory Committee—The Selectmen (ex officio)
Jeremiah Kavanagh and Sargent M. Knowlton 1903
Oscar Hosmer and Arthur D. Prince 1904
Fred P. Stanton and Chester S. Cook 1905

REPORT

School Department

EAST SCHOOL

Paid Florence E. Dodge, teaching balance Winter term 1902		$ 56 00
" " " Spring term 1902		99 00
" " " Fall term 1902		99 00
" " " part of Winter term 1903		27 00
John K. Dodge, wood		18 00
Addie M. Williams, care of room and fires		15 83
		$ 314 83

NECK SCHOOL

Paid Bertha C. Hatch, teaching balance Winter term 1902		$66 50
" " " Spring term		110 00
" " " Fall term		110 00
" " " part of Winter term 1903		30 00
Charles Wilkins, wood		22 50
Alice F. Lovett, care of room and fires		16 00
Mrs. A. C. Knowlton, cleaning room		1 00
Francis S. Lovett, Jr., care of room and fires		5 32
		$ 361 32

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Paid Ruth E. Gould, teaching balance Winter term 1902		$ 80 00
" " " Spring term		110 00
Susie M. Kelley, " Fall term		110 00
" " " part of Winter term 1903		30 00
Mrs. E. A. Addison, cleaning room		2 50
John C. Sauer, coal		7 13
C. S. Gwinn, coal		7 00
W. Pool, care of fires		20 00
" " sweeping room		7 25
		$ 368 88

CENTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Paid Grace H. Gould, teaching balance Winter term 1902		$78 75
Ethel W. Coker, " part of Spring term		20 00
Grace H. Gould, " balance of Spring term		101 25
" " " Fall term		123 75
" " " part of Winter term 1903		33 75

Paid Mrs. E. A. Addison, care of room		$ 23 30
John Girdler, coal		40 00
C. S. Gwinn "		10 00
W. Pool, care of fire		20 00
		$ 450 80

WEST SCHOOL

Paid Rose A. Manning, teaching balance Winter term 1902		50 00
" " "	Spring term	110 00
" " "	Fall term	110 00
" " "	part of Winter term 1903	30 00
J. W. Carr, care of room and fires		10 00
John C. Sauer, coal		6 56
Roscoe B. Batchelder, sawing wood		1 00
		$ 317 56

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS

Paid Addie M. Williams, cash paid for supplies,	1 15
Bertha M. Perkins, teaching music for year ending March 14, 1902,	137 25
Bertha M. Perkins, teaching music from April 1, to June 13, 1902,	44 25
American Book Company, books,	40 75
Elbridge Porter, care of out buildings,	15 00
F. H. Brooks, setting glass,	1 38
B. C. Quimby, book closet, Grammar school,	16 75
J. L. Hammett Co., books and supplies,	191 91
Lavenworth & Co., books,	18 00
Bertha M. Perkins, cash paid for music,	75
A. W. Baker & Co., school supplies,	11 30
Geo. H. Woodbury, repairs, Center Primary school,	1 50
Mrs. A. C. Knowlton, cleaning Neck school room,	5 00
M. H. Turk, cash paid for expressing,	5 35
G. H. Gould, cash paid for pictures,	55
Ginn & Company, books,	21 04
M. H. Turk, cash paid for traveling expenses,	3 41
Patrick Corkery, cleaning vault,	3 00
Geo. H. Woodbury, repairs, Neck school,	2 50
H. W. Porter, stock and labor, shingling Neck school house,	62 14
G. F. Hinkley, repairing funnels,	6 75
Geo. V. Bowden, repairs, West school,	3 75
Chas. Wilkins, housing shingles, cleaning funnel,	1 75.
John R. Sargent, labor and stock on pump and well, Neck school,	49 00
J. F. Pope & Co., lumber for well platform, Neck school,	2 54
C. A. Lawrence, drain pipe, Neck school,	3 20

Paid F. H. Brooks, painting blackboards,		$ 8 00
Elbridge Porter, taking census of scholars,		15 00
Rogers & Chase, window curtains, etc.,		8 60
D. C. Heath, books,		24 84
Rogers & Chase, wardrobe and shelves,		10 75
Francis M. Dodge, cash paid for supplies, 1901-2		12 50
Elbridge Porter, labor and cash paid on well, Neck school,		2 00
		$ 731 66

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Paid City of Beverly for	Alice Haskell	one year	$40 00
	Marcia Perkins	"	40 00
	Ruth Bowden	"	40 00
	Fred S. Brewer	"	40 00
City of Salem for	Edith C. Alley	six months	25 00
	Florence A. Alley	"	25 00
	Lucy F. Cole	"	25 00
	Marion P. Dodge	"	25 00
	Lewis F. Kilham	"	25 00
	Roland H. Patch	"	25 00
	Ralph W. Perkins	"	25 00
	Alice F. Lovett	"	25 00
	Addie M. Williams	"	25 00
	Blanche D. Young	"	25 00
			$ 410 00

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS' TRANSPORTATION

Paid for Florence A. Alley,	$ 11 54
Marion P. Dodge,	19 66
Rose Rollins,	6 31
Edith C. Alley,	19 56
Marcia Perkins,	6 85
Roland H. Patch,	11 00
Louis F. Kilham,	11 54
Alice F. Lovett,	7 90
Blanche D. Young,	8 00
Addie M. Williams,	8 10
Lucy F. Cole,	18 50
Ruth Bowden,	7 00
Ralph W. Perkins,	18 97
Fred S. Brewer,	3 92
Laura Sargent,	8 79
Alice W. Patch,	7 97
Alice Haskell,	3 25
Jennie Lovett,	8 40
	$ 187 26

Snow Department

WARD TWO

Paid Ephraim Power	$ 4 44	
F. S. Lovett	6 60	
Frank T. Johnson	7 60	
Orin P. Thompson	4 22	
	——	$ 22 86

WARD THREE

Paid John Morgan	1 50	
S. R. Prince Co.	13 80	
Charles Wilkins	6 70	
E. B. Cole	11 50	
Alonzo Young	4 40	
	——	$37 90

WARD FOUR

Paid A. M. Harrigan	37 36	
Charles W. Bagley	6 20	
George W. Jones	88	
Charles W. Perkins	8 40	
Perley L. Cummings	5 90	
Ira F. Trask	80	
John Williams	18 42	
Charles Homan	3 70	
Ivory Quinby	3 20	
Ernest Eaton	5 78	
George Perry	60	
Moses Wheeler	1 80	
Wm. T. Tucker	4 48	
Roland Dudley	1 80	
Timothy Glavin	3 60	
S. K. Evans	5 06	
Samuel M. Hill	1 75	
	——	$109 73

WARD FIVE

Paid Frank H. Tarr	$ 102 83	
Warren Jones	89	
S. M. Hill	27 64	
T. C. Lyford	89	
Elbridge Porter	14 04	
T. W. Batchelder	9 37	
S. K. Evans	6 66	
C. W. Bagley	16 89	
R. Gray	10 10	
W. T. Tucker	18 11	
W. P. Porter	1 80	
Frank Gray	1 70	
John Williams	3 60	

Paid	T. M. Barnes	$ 8 55	
	L. S. Beadel	89	
	Fred S. Brewer	6 77	
	David Cass	1 22	
	Roland Dudley	2 40	
		——	$234 35

WARD SIX

Paid	Levi S. Lord	1 65	
	Harrison Merrill	2 73	
	John Caves	2 80	
	Fred H. Brooks	1 30	
	T. C. Lyford	80	
	Warren Jones	3 10	
	Eben Stanley	2 35	
	H. Knowlton	2 35	
	A. Knowlton	1 63	
	T. M. Barnes	3 90	
	Ray Knowlton	2 98	
	S. M. Knowlton	8 70	
	Eugene Russell	20	
	Ray Stanley	95	
	F. S. Knowlton	1 56	
		——	$37 00

WARD SEVEN

Paid	Chester S. Cook	27 35	
	Stephen Cook	1 40	
	George W. Peabody	6 21	
	J. F. Crockett	15 48	
	G. A. Perkins	10 15	
	A. D. Flewelling	30	
	J. F. Kent	1 60	
	S. S. Cook	2 80	
	Otis Alley	80	
	Charles M. Bixby	13 65	
	Sidney S. Cook	3 01	
	L. F. Hodgdon	6 15	
	E. K. Stanley	3 35	
	Perley N. Dodge	10 92	
	J. W. Cass	2 33	
	George W. Wilson	4 61	
	J. T. Haskell	6 46	
	M. Sherlock	80	
	George Chase	1 60	
	George V. Bowden	44	
	A. H. Peabody	66	
	D. Harrigan	66	
	J. S. Bell	55	
	Edmund Haskell	1 76	
		——	$123 04

WARD EIGHT

Paid J. B. McCullough	$ 1	20	
J. Sumner Brown	9	98	
Charles E. Kimball		22	
			$11 40

WARD NINE

Paid Ira F. Trask	3	10	
Chas. L. Webber	1	70	
Perley L. Cummings	4	58	
Chas. W. Perkins	14	83	
			$24 21

Highway Department

WARD ONE

Paid Addison Williams	$32	59	
D. W. Preston	22	84	
George H. Wyatt	14	34	
Winslow Day	18	14	
J. W. Higgins	6	34	
B. F. Burchstead	6	34	
W. H. Beck	6	34	
C. S. Cook, road machine	2	00	
S. M. Hill " "	8	00	
H. D. Stillman	18	84	
George W. Stillman	6	34	
B. F. Hawkins	8	12	
Samuel H. Hawkins		90	
			$151 13

WARD TWO

Paid Samuel M. Hill	74	91	
Chas. W. Perkins	15	00	
C. S. Cook	14	00	
Frank T. Johnson	17	46	
George W. Jones	19	40	
H. D. Stillman	10	00	
Eben Stanley	2	00	
Frank Gray	2	00	
Frank Crowell	2	00	
F. S. Lovett	6	66	
Frank H. Tarr	24	40	
Howard Knowlton	2	00	
J. Kavanagh, cutting bushes	7	00	
			$196 83

WARD THREE

Paid Eben Stanley		$ 2 00	
George W. Jones		8 00	
F. T. Johnson		10 00	
Frank H. Tarr		25 00	
S. R. Prince Co.,	labor and gravel	29 80	
Joseph Knowlton,	gravel	14 85	
Charles Wilkins		48 94	
E. B. Cole		95 25	
T. M. Barnes		7 22	
Wm. T. Tucker		2 00	
Fred S. Knowlton		4 00	
David Pingree		2 00	
		——	$247 06

WARD FOUR

Paid A. M. Harrigan		54 95	
Chas. W. Bagley		1 80	
George W. Jones		22 80	
H. P. Brewer		10 00	
Michael Sullivan		18 00	
Frank A. Stanley		12 40	
F. H. Tarr		25 00	
John Caves		2 00	
S. K. Evans		2 00	
John Williams		6 00	
Frank Gray		2 00	
		——	$156 95

WARD FIVE

Paid F. A. Stanley,	gravel	10 60	
F. H. Tarr		49 54	
Warren Jones		3 11	
S. M. Hill		20 83	
S. K. Evans		10 67	
Elbridge Porter		3 94	
A. M. Harrigan		14 00	
Wm. T. Tucker		10 44	
D. A. Homan		1 77	
T. W. Batchelder		2 44	
T. M. Barnes		5 00	
George W. Jones		6 00	
Fred S. Knowlton		6 00	
H. E. Durgin,	sharpening tools, etc.	2 95	
F. H. Tarr		7 94	
C. W. Bagley		44	
Warren Jones		2 44	
W. T. Tucker		1 67	
George W. Jones		17	
		——	$159 95

WARD SIX

Paid S. M. Knowlton	$136 91	
F. A. Stanley, gravel	20 40	
" "	21 10	
T. M. Barnes	47 22	
Warren Jones	15 22	
Howard Knowlton	6 00	
Ray Knowlton	6 00	
F. H. Tarr	10 00	
Harrison Merrill	18 33	
Fred S. Knowlton	2 00	
	——	$283 18

WARD SEVEN

Paid Chester S. Cook	32 02	
Stephen Cook	22 42	
George V. Bowden	17 97	
C. S. Cook, cash paid for gravel	2 00	
J. F. Crockett	9 05	
Chas. M. Bixby	20 76	
S. M. Hill, road machine	14 20	
George W. Wilson	14 82	
S. S. Cook	7 00	
L. F. Hodgdon	7 71	
E. K. Stanley	1 50	
George Hodgdon	8 44	
Sidney S. Cook	4 00	
Otis Alley	7 10	
J. W. L. Moulton	6 11	
E. L. Kimball	6 11	
H. G. Sears	7 00	
Perley N. Dodge	3 50	
George W. Peabody	2 00	
	——	$193 71

WARD EIGHT

Paid J. Sumner Brown	67 11	
" " gravel	14 40	
J. B. McCulloch	30 22	
Chester S. Cook	2 89	
L. W. Batchelder	10 50	
Chas. H. Stanton	10 00	
Chas. E. Kimball	10 00	
E. L. Kimball	10 00	
	———	$155 12

WARD NINE

Paid Chas. W. Perkins		$ 99 34	
" "	gravel	17 60	
P. L. Cummings		4 00	
F. H. Tarr		2 50	
M. Sullivan		15 00	
T. M. Barnes		1 50	
George W. Jones		6 00	
Eben Stanley		6 00	
John Williams		6 00	
S. K. Evans		4 00	
D. A. Homan		2 00	
S. M. Hill		2 25	
		——	$166 19

Extra Highway

Paid Fred E. Ellis, balance due for stone on State highway	$ 51	49
J. Kavanagh, labor on State highway	3	37
S. M. Hill		75
D. A. Homan	2	00
J. F. Pope & Co., lumber for guard railing	14	02
For labor, rebuilding bridges Wenham causeway		
C. S. Cook	19	44
Stephen Cook	9	32
George W. Jones	7	10
G V. Bowden	8	44
T. M. Barnes, watering streets	2	85
D. A. Homan, repairing drain, Main street	2	00
	$ 120	78

Incidentals

Paid Beverly Citizen Co., printing,	$ 59	94
H. H. Dempsey, labor on hay scales,	1	80
H. W. Porter, stock and labor on guard railing, Larch st., 1891-92	64	90
W. M. Tucker, labor on snow fence,	2	70
" " care of soldier's lot in cemetery,	2	50
Geo. W. Fitz, repairs on hot air engine,	11	77
F. H. Tarr, labor on snow fence,		65
Addison Williams, labor and stock, painting guard railing,	13	90
C. A. Lawrence, drain pipe,	9	00
C. S. Gwinn, " "	47	35
J. N. Crowe, extension ladder,	12	90
H. M. Dolbeare, printing for assessors,	5	00

Paid	Malden Chemical Co., marking acid,	$ 1 50
	J. Kavanagh, water rent, Center schools,	10 00
	F. H. Brooks, painting Monument park fence,	25 00
	" " painting Town hall and guard railing,	12 75
	Baptist Society, lamps,	1 50
	Dr. S. E. Thayer, returning births,	1 25
	Salem News, advertising,	4 34
	G. F. Hinkley, repairs on furnace pipe, Town hall,	14 80
	W. L. Maloon & Co., printing tax bills,	3 00
	B. H. Conant, care of Town clock,	20 00
	W. F. Trowt, insurance on Engine house,	31 90
	Robert Robertson, stone pipe for tramp room,	90
	J. W. Hayes, repairs on Town hall clock,	1 00
	Geo. W. Jones, spreading gravel in Town house yard,	2 25
	J. H. Perkins, Jr., use of telephone and sundries,	12 80
	J. F. Pope & Son, lumber for hay scales and for Walnut st. bridge,	27 56
	J. R. Sargent, repairs on Town pump and cleaning well,	1 75
	J. S. Brown, stock and labor on guard railing, Topsfield road,	19 07
	H. E. Durgin, cash paid for telegram and postage,	66
	Barry Printing Co., registration blanks,	1 00
	H. W. Porter, cash paid for blank books,	1 25
	" " " for lamps and fixtures to Town hall,	3 80
	H. W. Porter, filing saws,	40
	" " repairs on old Engine house,	3 00
	" " " on Walnut st. bridge,	2 60
	" " " on hay scales,	2 10
	" " administering oaths,	2 00
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies for street lamps,	6 57
	" " " other sundries,	3 78
	Irving W. Allen, printing voting lists,	6 75
	W. Pool, returning deaths as undertaker,	4 00
	" " administering oaths to Town officers,	3 65
	" " copying record of births, deaths and marriages, 1654 to 1688,	8 00
	W. Pool, cash paid to Sidney Perley, assistance in the above work,	5 00
	W. Pool, journeys to Salem in regard to dog license money,	1 50
	W. Pool, labor on funnels,	35
	" " cash paid for expressing and stationery,	3 28
	" " journey to Boston with Water committee and expense,	2 75
	E. L. Perley, binding valuation books, 1880 to 1900,	21 75
	Addison Brothers, lettering guide boards,	5 88

Paid James H. Perkins, Jr., telephone, stationery, etc.,	$ 11	24
John W. Goodhue, highway tools,	19	69
Henry C. Batchelder, Engine house lot,	155	00
Wenham Veteran association,	50	00
Harry O. Brewer, care of street light,	10	00
Dr. S. E. Thayer, returning births,	1	75
	$ 761	95

Danvers Hospital

Paid Treasurer of hospital, for board of G. F. Dodge,	$ 143	47

Relaying Cemetery Wall

Paid A. J. Porter, plans and superintending construction,	$ 47	00
S. K. Evans, clearing up sidewalk,	7	88
Morely & Flatley, extra work over contract,	60	00
" " relaying wall, contract,	581	40
" " protecting old milestone,	22	00
	$ 718	28

Town Library

Paid DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	$ 57	39
The Pilgrim Press, books,	20	28
Damrell, Upham & Co., books,	5	30
B. H. Conant, cash paid for books,	11	42
" " " " expenses and supplies,	15	93
" " " " stationery, etc.,	1	89
" " " " salary as librarian,	41	67
H. A. Moulton, assisting in library,	12	00
Anna D. Trowt, " "	2	00
A. G. Whitney, " "	2	80
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.,	3	68
Addison Williams, conveying library books to East Wenham,	10	00
Geo. V. Bowden, conveying library books to West Wenham,	10	00
	$ 194	36

Park and Common

Paid Wm. T. Tucker, labor and care,	$ 3	70
W. Pool, " "	8	70
	$ 12	40

Poor Department

Mrs. H. F. Casson

Paid	Thomas M. Barnes, board,	$29 00	
	Mrs. S. L. Casson, board and clothing,	6 00	
	Dr. F. A. Cowles, medical attendance,	25 50	
	City of Salem, board at almshouse,	3 00	
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	1 59	
			$65 09

Mrs. Mary B. Knowlton

Paid	Mrs. S. L. Casson, board,	$22 00	
	George W. Jones, board and nursing,	46 00	
	Mrs. A. F. McQueeney, care and nursing,	3 00	
	Dr. S. E. Thayer, medical attendance,	15 00	
			$86 00

Mrs. Frank Tarrio

Paid	City of Salem, board at hospital,	$30 00	
	" " fuel and supplies,	12 70	
			$42 70

Miss Betsy Cook

Paid	Mrs. C. W. Bayley, washing clothes, care, etc.,	$ 8 50	
	Mrs. O. A. Newell, care and nursing,	64 00	
			$72 50

Miss Margaret Mooney

Paid	Mrs. Sarah P. Stanley, board and nursing,	$ 76 00	
	A. C. Cummings, carriage to Tewksbury,	12 00	
	Dr. S. E. Thayer, medical attendance,	47 00	
			$135 00

Charles A. Babcock

Paid	City of Melrose, rent,	36 00	$36 00

Miss Mary Tuttle

Paid	Town of Peabody, board and supplies,	146 70	$146 70

Mrs. Harry Williams

Paid	Town of Hingham, house rent and supplies, one year,	146 46	$146 46

Mrs. Augustus Stanley

Paid	Dr. S. E. Thayer, medical attendance,	$10 00	
	Cash for her support ($5.00 per month),	60 00	
	John Girdler, coal,	6 00	
			$76 00
			$806 45

Soldiers' Relief

Thomas H. Clark

Paid soldiers' relief furnished, cash,	$18 00		
City of Beverly, medical attendance,	10 00		
Mrs. Thomas H. Clark, cash for her support,	54 00		
			$82 00

Mrs. E. Plaisted

Paid cash for her support,	48 00		$48 00

Mrs. Caroline C. Soper

Paid soldiers' relief furnished,	$28 00		
Mrs. J. C. Chisholm, care and nursing,	7 00		
Dr. H. K. Foster, medical attendance,	52 25		
W. T. Lee, medicines,	19 90		
			$107 15

Mrs. George W. Babcock and family

Paid City of Melrose, aid and supplies for year ending Jan. 31, 1902,	141 88		

Joseph Addison

Paid A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies,	16 00		
			$395 03

Fire Department

Paid R. Robertson, repairs on chemical engine,	$	1 50
Ivory Quinby, " " "		3 05
John C. Sauer, coal,		4 69
William F. Homan, labor on engine,		1 00
F. A. Ingersoll, labor and repairs on hand engine,		40 15
Fred F. Porter, " on chemical engine,		2 00
F. H. Tarr, labor on fire apparatus,		9 50
Daniel A. Homan, labor and cash paid on fire apparatus,		10 90
O. D. Leonard, making window screens,		2 00
B. F. Hill, stock for "		3 67
Simeon Dodge, labor and cash paid,		1 10
Standard Extinguisher Company, repairs,		2 25
John W. Goodhue, oil cans,		30
Wenham Fire Brigade, 16 members, salary one year,		32 00
H. W. Porter, stock and labor on ladder house, West district,		40 00
S. M. Knowlton, wood,		7 00
J. F. Pope & Son, lumber,		2 89
H. E. Durgin, repairs,		2 60
F. P. Stanton, supplies,		29 10
John Girdler, coal,		6 00
		$201 70

Main Street Drain

Paid F. H. Tarr,	labor	$ 88 87
Frank Gray	"	33 78
John Williams	"	27 33
Edward Hemenway	"	30 33
Chester S. Cook	"	35 90
P. L. Cummings	"	73 67
T. M. Barnes	"	19 89
L. F. Hodgdon	"	33 89
S. K. Evans	"	32 56
Eugene Russell	"	22 22
Wm. T. Tucker	"	27 11
E. P. Stanley	"	36 89
John Caves	"	9 50
George W. Jones	"	38 45
George Hodgdon	"	26 22
Everett Stanley	"	23 11
D. A. Homan	"	16 89
C. W. Perkins	"	23 78
A. M. Harrigan	"	89
Morley, Flatley & Co.	"	28 00
David W. Lewis, drain pipe,		520 58
E. F. Day, bricks,		65 70
Charles S. Gwinn, cement,		24 75
" " mason's labor,		7 00
Broad Gauge Iron Co., catch basin grates,		45 00
Barber, Stockwell & Co., " "		9 00
Sprague, Breed & Brown, cement,		9 30
Charles W. Perkins, sand,		7 50
Thomas M. Barnes, teaming drain pipe,		21 00
F. H. Tarr, labor, grading in October and November,		28 34
G. W. Jones, " " "		8 89
John Caves, " " "		50
Wm. T. Tucker, " " "		8 00
Elbridge Porter, " " "		6 00
S. K. Evans, " " "		5 11
C. S. Cook, " " "		5 88
T. M. Barnes, " " "		12 78
Warren Jones, " " "		1 25
Henry Newhall, dynamite,		1 37
Frank E. Burnham, mason's labor,		12 48
H. E. Durgin, sharpening tools, etc.,		12 24
F. P. Stanton, oil and supplies,		11 73
H. W. Porter, carpenter's labor,		2 10
" " cash paid for lumber, etc.,		11 67
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, sundries,		1 68
		$1,464 13

Tree Warden

Paid	Bowker Chemical Co., spraying outfit and supplies,	$ 75 50
	Jeremiah Kavanagh, labor,	40 42
	" " cash paid for freight and express,	7 45
	Jeremiah Kavanagh, cash paid for hogshead,	1 50
	Geo. W. Jones, labor,	1 25
	Daniel A. Homan, "	90
	Irving W. Burnham, "	26 90
	S. M. Hill, "	1 12
	S. M. Knowlton, "	19 22
	T. W. Batchelder, "	7 13
	C. H. Abbott,	5 79
	J. Kavanagh,	4 13
		$ 191 31

Board of Health

Paid	Elmer E. Clark, quarantine expense,	$ 15 00
	Dr. S. E. Thayer, vaccination of scholars,	17 50
	Henry Alley, inspector of provisions,	35 00
		$ 67 50

Town House

Paid	P. L. Cummings, 3 cords wood,	$ 12 00
	J. C. Sauer, coal,	31 71
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, oil and other supplies,	8 43
	C. S. Gwinn, coal,	25 00
	H. E. Durgin, repairs on furnace, etc.,	1 00
	Fred H. Brooks, painting, etc.,	3 60
	H. W. Porter, repairs,	2 25
	W. Pool, care of hall and rooms,	41 59
	" " cash paid for flag,	10 00
	" " " " " supplies,	8 77
		$ 144 35

Town House Toilet Room

Paid	F. W. Williamson, plumbing,	$ 42 00
	H. W. Porter, carpenter's stock and labor,	19 64
	F. H. Brooks, painting,	7 64
		$ 69 28

Town House Cesspool

Paid Geo. W. Jones, labor,		$ 6 00
C. S. Gwinn, cement, pipe and cover,		7 70
E. F. Day, bricks,		7 20
C. W. Perkins, gravel and teaming,		10 50
S. M. Knowlton, stone,		2 25
F. E. Burnham, mason work,		6 91
		$ 39 06

Town Officers

TOWN CLERK

Paid Wellington Pool, salary one year,	$ 50 00
" " obtaining and recording births, deaths and marriages,	18 25
" " Returning vote for representative,	2 00
	$ 70 25

ELECTION OFFICERS

Paid B. F. Young, teller at state election, 1901,	$ 2 50
F. H. Tarr, " " " 1901,	2 50
H. A. Moulton, " " " 1902,	2 50
Elbridge Porter, ballot clerk, 1902,	2 00
	$ 9 50

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Paid J. H. Perkins, services,	$ 25 12

TAX COLLECTOR

Paid Fred P. Stanton, salary for 1901,	$ 75 00

REGISTRARS

Paid N. P. Perkins, seven sessions,	$ 7 00
Wellington Pool, ten sessions,	10 00
" " cash paid for Wenham Neck chapel,	25
H. W. Porter, three sessions,	3 00
O. D. Brewer, five sessions,	5 00
	$25 25

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paid Elbridge Porter, service to March, 1902,	$ 35 00
George V. Bowden, " " "	36 00
F. M. Dodge, " " "	67 00
M. H. Turk, service, commencing March, 1902,	57 50
	$195 50

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Paid A. S. Thomson, service,	$150 00

OVERSEERS OF POOR

Paid N. P. Perkins, service for the year,		$ 5 00
" " journeys out of town and expenses,		3 00
H. W. Porter, service for the year,		5 00
" " cash paid aid to poor travelers,		1 00
O. D. Brewer, service for year,		5 00
		$19 00

AUDITOR

Paid O. D. Brewer, service for year ending February, 1902,	$3 00

SELECTMEN

Paid N. P. Perkins, balance for year ending Feb 20, 1902,	$ 6 00
N. P. Perkins, distributing town reports,	1 00
" " service with agent of State Aid Commissioner,	2 00
N. P. Perkins, election officer, state election,	2 50
" " 21 days' service,	42 00
" " journeys out of town and expense,	5 00
H. W. Porter, distributing town reports,	4 00
" " use of team,	3 00
" " election officer, state election,	2 50
" " 25 days' service,	50 00
" " journeys out of town and expense,	15 50
O. D. Brewer, 17 days' service,	34 00
" " election officer, state election,	2 50
	170 00

ASSESSORS

Paid N. P. Perkins, 11 days' service,	$ 22 00
" " service at tax commissioner's office,	2 75
H. W. Porter, 10½ days' service,	21 00
" " use of team,	1 00
O. D. Brewer, 7 days' service,	14 00
	$ 60 75

TREASURER

Paid H. E. Durgin, salary one year,	$ 60 00

MODERATOR

Paid H. E. Durgin, service annual town meeting,	$ 5 00

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Paid Henry Alley, services,	$ 25 00

CONSTABLES AND POLICE

Paid	Fred S. Knowlton services as police,	$ 4 00
	Henry P. Brewer, " "	13 30
	Chas H. McQueeney, serving dog warrant,	5 00
	" " posting town warrants,	7 00
	" " services as police,	18 58
	Geo. V. Bowden, police service, 2 years,	4 00
	" " posting town warrants,	2 50
	Elbridge Porter, police service,	2 00
	T. C. Lyford, services,	6 00
	Henry Alley, posting warrants, 1902,	2 50
		$ 64 88

CARE OF POOR TRAVELERS

Paid	J. C. Richards, care,	$ 50 00
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies	5 36
		$ 55 36

Whole number of poor travelers cared for 250. Nationality: Irish 185, English 15, American 35, Nova Scotia 6, Scotch 5, Welch 4. Oldest in years 62, youngest 20, average age 39¼ years.

State Aid

Paid	Elbridge K. Standley,	$ 65 00	
	Joseph Addison,	54 00	
	Henry P. Brewer,	69 00	
	Edward F. Standley,	48 00	
	Mary A. Standley,	44 00	
	Joseph B. Woodman,	54 00	
	Mary E. Woodman,	48 00	
	George W. Pierce,	48 00	
	Mary E. Pierce,	20 00	
	Ephraim Hathaway,	8 00	
	Mary A. Burpee,	48 00	
	Mary E. Manning,	48 00	
	Richard A. Bridges,	28 00	
	Hannah H. Bridges,	28 00	
	Ira F. Trask,	12 00	
	Margaret O'Neil,	12 00	
			$ 634 00

Military Aid

Paid	Daniel A. Homan,	$ 144 00	
	Benjamin F. Young,	144 00	
	Benjamin F. Burchstead,	8 00	
			$ 296 00

Summary of Town Expenses

Schoools,	$ 1813 39
School Incidentals,	731 66
High School Tuition,	410 00
High School Transportation,	187 26
Repairs on Highways,	1710 12
Extra Highway Work,	120 18
Clearing Snow,	600 49
Town Incidentals,	761 95
Support of Poor,	806 45
Soldier's Relief,	395 03
Fire Department,	201 70
Town Library,	194 36
Board of Health,	67 50
Park and Common,	12 40
Tree Warden,	191 31
Town House Toilet Room,	69 28
Town House Cesspool,	40 56
Main Street Drain,	1464 13
Town House and Hall,	144 35
Care of Tramps,	55 36
Relaying Cemetery Wall,	718 28
Town Officers,	808 20
Superintendent of Schools,	150 00
State and Military Aid,	930 00
Danvers Hospital,	143 37
	$ 12,727 43
State Tax,	525 00
County Tax,	977 88
Total	$ 14,230 31

Tax Collector

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1900

Dr. to balance on tax list,	$ 295 93	
interest on taxes,	8 34	
		$304 27
Cr. by abatements,	$ 17 06	
payments to Treasurer,	170 00	
uncollected taxes,	117 21	
		$304 27

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1901

To balance on tax list,	$1,229 42	
interest on taxes,	17 09	
		$1,246 51

Cr. by abatements,	$ 17 67	
payments to Treasurer,	931 92	
uncollected taxes,	296 92	
		$1,246 51

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1902

Dr. to tax for 1902,	$11,982 55	
additions to tax list,	10 00	
interest on taxes,	1 76	
Boston & Northern St. R. R., excise tax,	527 51	
		$12,521 82
Cr. by abatements,	$ 3 60	
discount on taxes,	56 55	
payments to Treasurer,	11,198 08	
uncollected taxes,	1,263 59	
		$12,521 82

Treasurer's Account

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH H. E. DURGIN, TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Feb. 12, 1902, Balance in treasury,		$ 4,560 38
From the Commonwealth,	national bank tax,	349 57
" "	corporation tax,	1,328 84
" "	street railway tax,	615 61
" "	state aid reimbursed,	496 00
" "	military aid reimbursed,	144 00
" "	Mass. school fund,	295 81
" "	one-half compensation of inspector of animals,	10 00
" "	education of children,	76 00
County Treasurer, dog licenses refunded,		174 99
City of Salem, Longham taxes,		73 83
Town of Merrimac, soldiers' relief paid,		16 00
Naumkeag National Bank, temporary loan,		2,000 00
Lila Cunningham, fund for support of poor,		500 00
Wellington Pool, rent of hall and piano,		22 75
William F. Trowt, town weigher,		16 60
Benjamin H. Conant, librarian, fines, etc.,		11 42
James H. Perkins, Jr., druggist's license,		1 00
Charles D. Sias, crushed trap rock,		15 03
For butchers' licenses,		2 00
junk dealers' licenses,		4 00
sale of town history,		1 00
spraying trees,		1 00
drain pipe,		1 60
cemetery lots,		79 00
From Fred P. Stanton, on account of taxes,		12,300 00
		$23,096 43

PAYMENTS

Naumkeag National Bank, temporary loan,	$ 2,000 00
State tax,	525 00
County tax,	977 88
Repairs on state highway,	50 86
State of Mass., 1-4 druggists' license,	25
Interest on temporary loan,	25 42
" Allen cemetery fund,	5 50
" Mary Perkins fund,	116 15
Cemetery commissioners,	225 02
Selectmen's orders,	12,727 43
Balance in treasury,	6,442 92
	$23,096 43

Financial Statement

LIABILITIES

Note due trustees of "Allen cemetery fund,"	$ 475 00	
Interest on the same to Jan. 29, 1903,	49 41	
Note due trustees of "Mary Perkins fund,	3,000 00	
Interest on the same to Feb. 1, 1903,	94 16	
Unexpended balance of appropriation for relaying cemetery wall,	56 72	
Estimate of outstanding bills,	1,000 00	
		$4,675 29

RESOURCES

Due from state of Mass., state aid paid,	634 00	
" " " ½ military aid paid,	148 00	
" F. P. Stanton, tax collector for 1900,	117 21	
" " " " " 1901,	296 92	
" " " " " 1902,	1,263 69	
" G. F. Dodge, board paid at Danvers Hospital,	143 47	
" estate of H. A. Cook, aid furnished,	72 50	
Balance in the treasury	6,442 92	
		$9,118 71
Total Resources,		$9,118 71
" Liabilities,		4,675 29
Balance in favor of the town,		$4,443 42

Auditor's Report

The undersigned, having examined the accounts of the several officers, finds the sums correct with vouchers for the payments.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. PICKETT, Auditor.

Wenham, February 9, 1903.

Recommendations

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommend the following appfopriations for fiscal year 1903-04 :

Schools (teachers)	$1,450 00
School incidentals and music,	475 00
High School tuition,	650 00
Transportation High School pupils,	200 00
Janitor's service and fuel for schools,	250 00
Repairs on school houses,	100 00
Town incidentals,	2,000 00
Repairs on highways,	1,500 00
Extra highway work,	1,000 00
Town library,	250 00
Support of poor,	300 00
Interest,	225 00
Fire department,	200 00
Soldiers' relief,	450 00
Public cemetery,	100 00
Tree warden,	100 00
	$9,250 00

F. P. STANTON, Clerk.
Finance and Advisory Committee.

February 16, 1903.

Finance and Advisory Committee

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

When the Finance and Advisory Committee was constituted it was anticipated that its running expenses would call for an annual report to the citizens. Thus far, however, the committee has not been a charge to the town, the clerk of the committee still generously donating his services, and incidental cost of postage, stationery, etc., being otherwise met.

During the past year the committee has studied and reported upon all matters referred to it at town meetings or by the Selectmen in advance of such meetings, and has made recommendations on all such matters in accordance with its understanding of the public good. Further reports and recommendations will come before the citizens at the approaching March town meeting. The committee would be glad if it had more time than elapses

between preparation of the annual town meeting warrant and the town meeting itself, to deliberate upon the topics of reference, and would again suggest to the citizens whether it might be practicable or desirable, sometime in the near future, to provide additional time by following the example of many Massachusetts towns in devoting the first session of the annual town meeting exclusively to the election of officers and then adjourning for a long enough period, not exceeding one month, to enable the citizens and committee to thoroughly study the annual warrant and prepare to act thereon. The committee does not urge adoption of such plan at this time, but calls attention to it as a subject worthy of consideration.

Since the Finance and Advisory Committee was formed there has been added to its duties something foreign to the original purpose, by the vote, last spring, that no town appropriation should be exceeded without approval of two-thirds of the members of this commlttee. This is an important function and carries a large responsibility, so large that the committee suggests that if the vote is to continue in force that the citizens should consider whether the power of the committee to authorize an excess expenditure should be limited to a fixed percentage of the original appropriation, or whether the proper excess be left, as now, to the discretion of the committee.

The only request received by the committee within the year for leave to exceed an appropriation was that relating to reconstruction of the front wall at the cemetery, in which case the contemplated excess so far exceeded the original appropriation that the committee felt that the matter should be sent back to the citizens, and so denied the request.

Respectfully submitted by order of the committee,

OSCAR HOSMER, Chairman,

FRED P. STANTON, Clerk.

February 14, 1903.

List of Jurors

George W. Jones, laborer	James B. Pickett, R. E. Agent
Simeon Dodge, shoemaker	George W. Wilson, farmer
George W. Patch, meat dealer	Elmer E. Clark, shoemaker
George E. Perkins, carpenter	William P. Dodge, farmer
Nathaniel P. Perkins, farmer	Henry D. Stillman, farmer
Frank E. Perkins, meat dealer	Otis D. Brewer, shoemaker
J. Sumner Brown, farmer	David Pingree, farmer

Report of Trustees of Mary Perkins Fund

Unexpended balance Feb. 9, 1902,	$ 60 31	
Interest to Feb. 1, 1903,	150 00	
		$ 210 31
Allowed to different persons in the form of rent, fuel, supplies, cash, etc.,		116 15
Unexpended balance Feb. 1, 1903,		$ 94 16

Assessors' Report

Number of assessed polls	266
Tax on each poll	$ 2 00
Value of assessed Personal preperty	$ 964,975 00
" " Buildings	589,085 00
" " Land	354,325 00
Total valuation	1,908,385 00
Total tax on polls and proporty	11,982 25
Rate per thousand	6 00
" " 1901	8 40
Increase of valuation from 1901	770,810 00
Number of horses taxed	271
" cows "	330
" swine "	13
Neat cattle other than cows taxed	6
Number of fowls assessed	2,135
Acres of land "	4,578
Dwelling houses "	264
Number of persons assessed	531
" " on property	429
" " on poll tax only	102

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand	$41 74	
Town appropriation	100 00	
Sale of lots	79 00	
		$220 74

EXPENDITURES

Paid J. M. Julyn,	plants,	6 25	
T M. Barnes,	labor,	5 00	
F. A. Stanley,	gravel,	5 50	
S. K. Evans,	labor,	66 20	
" "	painting tomb,	6 80	
W. T. Tucker,	labor,	3 60	
G. W. Jones,	"	14 60	
F. H. Tarr	"	40 65	
W. Jones	"	55 80	
Elbridge Porter	"	3 60	
George W. Fitz,	pump and labor,	10 42	
Chas. W. Perkins,	labor,	5 00	
Chas. W. Bagley	"	1 60	
			$225 02
	Received,		220 74
	Balance due Town,		$ 4 28

F. H. TARR, Secretary.

EXPENDED FROM THE ALLEN FUND

Paid F. H. Tarr, fertilizer,	2 50	
Wm. T. Tucker, care of Allen lot,	3 00	
		$5 50

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1902

Twenty-five births (fourteen males and eleven females), six marriages and twenty-six deaths were recorded in Wenham in 1902. Eighteen (nine males and nine females), died in town during the year. Six residents were removed from town for interment, and seven non-residents were brought here for interment.

DEATHS

1902			Years	Months	Days
Jan.	17	Winifred Stanton	9	3	30
	20	Ira D. Batchelder (Co. G, 23d Regt., Mass. Vol. Inf.)	80	4	1
	27	Martha C. (Dodge) Young	78	—	—
	31	Robert G. Sawyer	53	8	23
Feb.	4	Lottie M. (Trask) Perkins	34	10	28
March	22	Abbott Johnson (2d Unattached Co., Mass. Vol. Inf.)	74	6	22
May	1	Pamelia S. (Dodge) Young	82	1	3
	16	Beatrice E. Crockett	—	4	12
June	15	Mary E. (Abbott) Pierce)	61	2	11
July	10	Henry A. Cook	56	3	9
	11	(Unnamed) Wilson	—	—	1
	15	Mary B. (Patten) Knowlton	78	7	15
	30	Samuel S. Cook	85	1	2
Sept.	7	Otis D. Leonard	50	4	27
Oct.	30	Hiram L. Roberts	83	10	5
Nov.	1	Margerie E. Landers	—	8	15
	19	Caroline A. (Gould) Rogers	84	3	
	21	Charles W. Folsom	41	10	23
Dec.	11	Adarial H. Hodgdon	90	5	

List of Non-residents brought to Wenham for Interment in 1902

Date of Death 1902			Years	Months	Days
Feb.	22	Eloise Bradbury Merrill	5	5	13
March	25	Thomas H. Clark (Co. F 2d Regt. Mass. vol. Inf.)	77	1	4
April	10	Paulina (Fiske) Peabody	91	11	20
	26	Georgiana (Center) Clayton	33	7	26
May	4	George Brewer (Corp. Co. K, N. H. Heavy Art.)	65	11	
Oct.	7	Mabel M. Mack	—	1	5
	30	Lavinia D. (Gould) Dodge	53	6	16

DOGS

Eighty-three dogs, seventy-three males and thirteen females (plus one breeders' license $25.00) were licensed, and from the amount received therefor the sum of two hundred and thirteen dollars and twenty cents was paid into the county treasury.

The sum of one hundred and seventy-four dollars and ninety-nine cents has been refunded.

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham, in the County of Essex, GREETING.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Monday, the second day March next, at six of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles: (Election of officers, by "Australian Ballot," from 6 A. M. to 10 A. M.)

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing, and see if the town will vote to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

3d. To act on the annual reports of the Selectmen, School Committee, Trustees of the Public Library and other town officers.

4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year; make appropriation of the same and determine the manner of collecting.

5th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, said loan or loans to be paid from said taxes.

6th. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

7th. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the expenses of "Memorial Day," the same to be used under the the direction of the soldiers and sailors of Wenham.

8th. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay the State and Military Aid for the coming year.

9th. To see what action the town will take in regard to truant scholars.

10th. To hear the report of the committee appointed to revise the town By-Laws and act thereon.

11th. To see if the town will vote to move the old engine house back on a line with the new one and properly grade around the same.

12th. To see if the town will vote to construct a sidewalk on the easterly side of Arbor Street, from the terminus of the present sidewalk, near the premises of Mr. Whiting, to the junction of Arbor and Porter Streets.

13th. To hear the report of the committee appointed at the last annual town meeting to consider the subject of providing an enlarged or improved school house and library accommodations for the town.

14th. To see if the town will vote to build a new school house at the Center and to provide payment for the same, or act anything thereon, as per request of the School Committee and others.

15th. To see if the town will vote to widen Arbor Street by the land of the Boston & Northern Railroad Co., so as to admit the passage of the snow plow, or act anything thereon, as per petition of John R. Sargent and others.

16th. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to purchase shade trees, to be planted under the direction of the Village Improvement Society, or otherwise, as per petition of Sidney K. Prince and others.

17th. To see if the town will vote to fix the salary and wages of the town officials, employees and teams for the ensuing year, as per petition.

18th. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the use of the Tree Warden for the ensuing year.

19th. To see if the town will vote to pay for the bond of the Town Treasurer and Tax Collector in some reliable surety company.

20th. To hear the report of the committee appointed at the last annual town meeting to consider the disposition of the chemical engine.

21st. To hear and act upon the report of the committee chosen at the last annual town meeting with reference to marking the site of "Peters Hill" and raise money to carry the same into effect, or act anything thereon.

22d. To hear the report of the committee appointed to investigate the subject of street lighting.

23d. To see if the town will vote to adopt a system of street lighting or act anything thereon.

24th. To see if the town will vote to close the fiscal year on the thirty-first day of December in each year.

25th. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town House, one at the Post Office, one at each of the two meeting houses, one at the chapel at Mapleville and one at the eastern part of the town, near the residence of John K. Dodge, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this ninth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and three.

NATH'L P. PERKINS,
HERBERT W. PORTER,
OTIS D. BREWER,
} Selectmen of Wenham

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1902

BEVERLY, MASS.
THE CITIZEN PRINTING COMPANY
1903

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Wenham:

In presenting the annual report of the Public Schools, the members of the School Committee have satisfaction in giving account of another successful year. The interests of the schools have gone forward in much the usual way, with some modifications and improvements. Upon the whole the year has been a progressive one.

The following is a brief summary of finances for the year:

RECEIPTS

Town appropriation:	
Teaching,	$ 1,300.00
Incidentals and music,	400.00
High School tuition,	550.00
High School transportation,	200.00
For well at Neck, (1901)	100.00
	$ 2,550.00
State School fund,	295.81
Dog tax,	174.99
State Board of Charity, for tuition,	76.00
	$ 3,096.80

EXPENDITURES

Teaching,	$ 1,701.80
Music,	181.50
Janitor service,	125.35
Fuel,	113.94
Books, supplies, etc.,	362.54
Repairs and improvements,	279.38
High School tuition, City of Beverly,	160.00
High School tuition, City of Salem,	250.00
High School transportation,	154.64
	$ 3,329.15

There is also a town appropriation of $150 as a temporary advance for the payment of the salary of the Superintendent. $125 of this will subsequently be refunded by the state.

An important addition to the efficiency of our schools has been secured in the union of our town with the towns of Ipswich, Essex and Hamilton for the employment of a Superintendent of Schools. After a number of informal conferences a district consisting of the

above named towns was organized in May, 1902. By this arrangement the schools of Wenham receive the supervision of an educational expert one day of each week.

The advantages of this arrangement are beyond question. The district is especially fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. Andrew S. Thomson who has already done much to raise the standards and increase the efficiency of our school work. A system of graded work has been introduced which renders the work of the teachers more effective, and at the same time systematizes the pupils progress thereby giving an added stimulus to faithful study. The work of all our schools has been visibly improved.

A few changes in texts have been made. The Rand-McNally arithmetics have been replaced by the Walsh series, supplemented with the advanced Wentworth books. To the readers already in use a number of texts for supplementary reading have been introduced.

Some repairs and improvements have been made. A well has been provided for the Neck School, and the building has been re-shingled. The blackboards of all the schools have been repainted, and minor repairs have been made. An improved janitor service with more frequent sweeping has been undertaken.

All our teachers have, without exception, done faithful and excellent work. Mrs. Gould at the Center Grammar, Miss Hatch at the Neck, Miss Manning at the West and Miss Dodge at the East School, and Mrs. Perkins, teacher of music, have continued their work with their accustomed success. Miss Kelley of the Center Primary School is making a good record during her first year of service.

It is hoped that the efficient and conscientious work of our teachers will find appreciation in the increased interest which the parents will have in the education of their children.

To co-ordinate our work with that of neighboring towns and cities and to secure a better preparation for High School work it will be necessary to have a longer school year. The Committee has therefore arranged for a school year of 37 weeks for the current year ending June 19, 1903, and for a school year of 38 weeks for the year beginning September 8, 1903.

The Committee wishes to call especial attention to the imperative need of improved school accommodations. The poor condition of some of our school rooms needs no rehearsal. The un-

deniable need of a better equipment is clear to all who are willing intelligently to consider the facts.

The recommendations of the Superintendent are in thorough accord with the convictions and plans of the Committee. The unbearable condition of our school rooms and accommodations at the Center demands immediate remedy. The Committee are firm in the conviction that a new building should be erected at once. The Committee are also convinced that there would be an unquestioned great advantage in the transportation of the pupils of the Neck and West Schools to the school at the Center. The Committee therefore unanimously and earnestly recommends the erection of a modern, four-roomed school house, for the accommodation of all the pupils of the town except those at the East School. On account of the distance from the Center to the East School, it is thought best to continue that school as it is.

The earnest attention and interest of the people of Wenham is urged in regard to this question of a new school building. The selection of a location is not the first thing to be considered. If the town needs a new school building and decides to have one, a location can be secured. This is simply a matter of detail to be worked out later. The important thing is for the town to see the crying need of a suitable school building and to take some definite action toward securing it. And there seems to be no time so opportune as the present. A thoroughly modern, well equipped building with four rooms, finished basement, committee room, store room, and all accessories, can be secured, including location, for approximately $14,000. This amount could be raised in seven successive annual payments of $2000 each. With our present unusually low tax-rate, there would appear to be no valid financial reason why the raising of money for a new school building should not be immediately undertaken. The need of a new building is so imperative that it would demand attention even if the current tax-rate were much higher than it now is. With a tax-rate so abnormally low, and with little probability that it will be high for some years to come, it would seem wise to meet at once the undeniable need of a modern school equipment. The mental and moral, and therefore practical, welfare of our town rests largely on an educational basis; and no sacrifice should be considered too great for the sake of the children and young people who are a prophecy of the citizenship of tomorrow. Upon the dual basis of obligation and opportunity the intelligence of all the people of our town should rise to meet this great and immediate need, a suitable school building for all the children of the town.

The report of the Superintendent, which includes the school statistics and calendar for 1903-4 is appended herewith. Its careful perusal by parents and the public generally is urged.

The Committee recommend that the following appropriations be made for the current year:

Teaching, including Music,	$1,575 90
Supplies and Incidentals,	350 00
Repairs,	100 00
High School Tuition,	650 00
High School Transportation,	200 00

Respectfully submitted,

MORRIS H. TURK,

ELBRIDGE PORTER,

GEORGE V. BOWDEN,

School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Committee of the Town of Wenham:

Gentlemen:

I have the honor of submitting this my first annual report as Superintendent of the Public Schools of the Town of Wenham.

In making a report of this kind it should be the aim to state as accurately as possible the general conditions of our schools, as to buildings, equipments and educational work; and also to give the special needs and suggest what is required to make the work more effective.

Progress has certainly been made during the year; school houses have been repaired and made as comfortable as possible without large expense; old books have been replaced by new, and a more plentiful amount of supplies have been furnished to the children. A definite course of study outlining the work which is to be accomplished each year by the pupils, has been placed in the hands of the teachers.

Educational work must be progressive to keep abreast with the times. A town as wealthy as Wenham should provide school buildings which are equal to, if not better, than those of the average town of the state. At present, judging from my experience among the schools of the state, the school-room accommodations of the town are not up to the average. The Primary school building at the Center is not a good one. It is small, inconvenient and badly ventilated. The building is not a credit to the town in size, appearance, or convenience.

The room in which the Grammar school is held is not a very suitable place for a school. The surroundings are not physically or morally healthy. The proximity of the town house does not create an elevating atmosphere. Moreover the odors from the room below are very objectionable.

There should be a four room building erected near the Center, to which part or all of the outlying schools should be transported. In all probability, only three of these rooms would be used immediately, although eventually all four rooms will be needed. With the schools concentrated, a much better grading would be possible. The Primary room would contain the first, second and third grades; the Intermediate would have the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, while the seventh and eighth would be in the Grammar room.

The advantages which arise from a consolidation of schools are numerous. By this means it is possible to reduce the number of classes under each teacher, thus enabling the teacher to give

longer periods for recitation. A teacher can concentrate her efforts upon the preparation of fewer subjects, thereby making herself more proficient in their presentation. When one teacher attempts the instruction of eight grades, which is the case in our outlying schools, she must of necessity devote but little time either in preparation, or in recitation, to each lesson. In these separate schools the classes are small, lacking the wholesome competition which arises in a school where a large number are doing the same work. Without rivalry the average pupil loses ambition. It is true that this town is unusually fortunate in retaining in its district schools for so long a time some very excellent teachers. This is generally found to be difficult, as competent teachers will not often remain for any length of time in remote district schools, resulting in frequent changes and inexperienced teachers.

In the Annual Report of the Board of Education of 1897-98, the question of consolidation of schools is discussed. I quote from that report: "The question of the consolidation of schools has for many years received the attention of educators. Conditions pertaining to changes in the population and the wealth of communities as well as the increasing educational demands of the times have rendered necessary a certain centralization of forces for economy and efficiency in school work.

People are now coming to see that educational advantages are not represented by the number of nearby school houses. From one of the annual reports of Dr. Harris, U. S. Commissioner of Education, we quote as follows: "It has been frequently demonstrated and is generally conceded that it would be better both on economical and on pedagogical grounds to unite the many small and weak schools of a township, dispersed over a large extent of territory, into a few strong, well-equipped and well-conducted graded schools, located at convenient points."

Hon. Joseph White, secretary of the State Board of Education, said: "This act (providing for conveyance of school children) was introduced into Legislature through the efforts of a practical man from one of our rural towns of large territory and sparse population, where the constant problem is how to bring equal school privileges to all with undue taxation. In too many cases the town seems to have forgotten that the character of the school is of more importance than its accessibility."

I have written at some length upon the advantages of new and concentrated school accommodations, knowing the great influence that clean, attractive, well lighted and ventilated rooms have upon children. The school rooms of the town should be furnished with slate blackboards. Slate boards are the best, and in the end are cheaper than any preparation.

It would be much better for the comfort and health of the

children, were the old double desks replaced by new adjustable seats and desks. Many of the children are occupying seats so high that their feet do not touch the floor. This is dangerous to the physical welfare of young children.

All the school rooms should be supplied with globes and maps. The subject of Geography, except in its local aspect, is difficult to make real. Too often children learn simply what the text book says, instead of realizing that they are studying about real lands and people. Such information is forgotten in less time than it takes to acquire it. The best way to learn Geography is by travel, whether local or extended, where the senses are brought into touch with actual things, but as this is not possible to many, the imagination of the children should be assisted with globes and maps, that they may gain clearer ideas of the countries, places and people studied.

Reading is one of the most important subjects in our school curriculum as it is through this medium that knowledge of all other subjects is largely obtained. The children are to be taught not only to express to others the thought on the printed page, but also to interpret easily and readily for themselves that same thought. In learning new words a knowledge of word construction is important. No book is used for the first ten weeks, during which time phonograms and stock words are studied and reviewed from the blackboard. When the sounds of letters are known and the common phonograms, or combinations of vowels and consonants generally found together, the child has the tools with which he can learn for himself new words. Unless children early learn to read fluently they are greatly hampered with their work in Arithmetic, Geography and History. If we can inculcate the habit of reading and the taste for good reading we have given pupils the power of self-improvement which few other subjects bestow. We would not have the children read and re-read the same book until the pieces are read as a memorized story rather than from the printed page. On the contrary we need a more generous supply of different reading books that the children may meet the old words in new relations and thus gather new information from the varied reading.

In the first stages Arithmetic should be taught with objects, by measuring and estimating, that the child may properly conceive number and that his judgment may be trained. At present many prominent educators think that the effort to teach abstract number in the first two grades is a waste of time. However this may be, it is certainly true that the work in these grades should be very concrete, bringing into play the perceptive faculties. All through the subject great care should be exercised that the examples are properly illustrated, since it has been shown by recent experiments in child study that the reasoning faculties

come much later than was formerly supposed. When a child can perform the fundamental operations with ease and accuracy, the other processes come much more readily.

Drawing is a subject which teaches the children to see and love the beautiful things of life, and to cultivate the power of finding the beautiful in the commonplace or ugly, thereby directing the children toward a fuller life. Drawing is also the underlying principle of many useful occupations. The starting point of mechanical, civil and electric engineering and of architecture is drawing. There should be a special teacher of drawing who would devote one day a week to the town.

The work in music has made steady progress under the supervision of Mrs. Bertha Perkins. Some of the schools are giving excellent results in this elevating branch of our work.

The Walsh Arithmetic which is abundantly supplied with examples both in the mechanical operation and with problems has been introduced for use in Grades from III to VI inclusive. The Wentworth Arithmetic which deals more with the rules and principles of Arithmetic has been introduced into Grades VII and VIII.

The Medial system of writing has supplanted the Vertical. The letters have just enough forward slant to give the speed and character of the older systems and yet preserve the legibility of the Vertical.

Report cards, showing the pupil's deportment and standing in his work are sent to the parents every six weeks. The marks on these cards are obtained by combining the marks secured in the daily recitations and the marks gained in the written tests given upon the work covered. Report cards are used as a guide to promotion. Each parent can see whether his child is doing work sufficient for promotion or not by reference to the cards. Parents are requested to give close attention to the work which their children are doing.

In order successfully to prepare our pupils in eight years for the Salem or Beverly High School we should have at least thirty-eight weeks in our school year. The above named cities have forty weeks of school each year so that it is very difficult for us to meet their requirements with a thirty-six weeks school year.

The same able corps of teachers as last year are in charge of the schools with one exception. Miss Kelley, a graduate of the Salem Normal, has been in charge of the Center Primary which is showing marked progress under intelligent, energetic management. The town is fortunate in continuing in its service the same teachers year after year. Every year enhances a good teacher's value to the town.

A cordial invitation is extended the people of the town to visit the schools as this is a most excellent way of encouraging

children and teachers. It is a decided impetus to good work when the townspeople frequent the schools. The citizens are urged to make themselves familiar with the everyday work being done rather than with entertainments of special days.

I wish to thank the teachers for their ready response to all suggestions made. To the committee, I wish to express my gratitude for their loyal and hearty manner and confident support in everything which pertained to the improvement of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW S. THOMSON.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1903

March 20.	All schools close for Spring vacation.
March 30.	All schools open for Spring term.
June 19.	All schools close for Summer vacation.
September 8.	All schools open for Fall term.
November 20.	All schools close for Thanksgiving vacation.
November 30.	All schools open.
December 23.	All schools close for Christmas vacation.

1904

January 4.	All schools open for Winter term.
March 26.	All schools close for Spring vacation.
April 5.	All schools open for Spring term.

	Months and days	No. enrolled Fall of 1902	Whole number in school	Boys enrolled	Girls enrolled	Average membership	Average daily attendance	Average per ct. attendance	Number over 15	Number under 5	Number between 5 and 15	Number between 7 and 14
Center Grammar School	9 months	23	37	13	11	27.2	22.9	91.	1	0	22	20
Neck School	9 months	24	32	11	13	20.4	20.7	85.3	2	0	24	18
West School	9 months	22	22	13	9	20.7	20.4	98.2	0	0	22	16
Wenham Primary School	9 months	53	53	18	35	38.23	43.5	88.3	0	1	52	33
East School	9 months	9	9	1	8	8.5	8.83	95.5	1	0	8	0
		131	153	56	76	115.03	116.33	91.66	4	1	128	87

TEACHERS, SCHOOLS, SALARIES, ETC.

September 8, 1902

Name	School	Grade	Salary per week	Where Educated
Mrs. Grace Gould	Center Grammar	V to VIII	$11.25	Salem Normal School
Susie Kelley	Wenham Primary	I to IV	10.00	Salem Normal School
Bertha C. Hatch	Neck School	I to VIII	10.00	Gorham Normal School, Me.
Rose A. Manning	West School	I to VIII	10.00	Salem Normal School
Florence E. Dodge	East School	I to VIII	9.00	High School
Mrs. Bertha M. Perkins	Teacher of Music			

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM, MASS.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1902

BEVERLY, MASS.
THE CITIZEN PRINTING COMPANY
1903

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

To the Citizens of Wenham:

The Eighteenth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library for the year 1902 is herewith respectfully submitted:

At the annual town meeting in March, Benj. H. Conant was re-elected as Trustee for the regular term of three years, and Rev. Morris H. Turk was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Fred F. Abbott, so that the Board now stands as follows:

Henry A. Moulton,	present term	expires	March,	1903.
Morris H. Turk,	"	"	"	1904.
Benjamin H. Conant,	"	"	"	1905.

The Board was organized by the choice of Henry A. Moulton as Chairman, and Benjamin H. Conant as Secretary and Librarian.

In the last report of the Trustees, the subject of making some suitable remuneration for the Library service was mentioned, and at the annual town meeting the matter was discussed at some length, and finally referred to the Trustees to make such arrangements as might be satisfactory to them. The sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars was appropriated for the maintenance and increase of the Library, this sum being intended to cover all the expenses of the Library for the year, including the conveyance of books to the various branch stations, which had previously been paid from the money appropriated for incidental expenses.

After due consideration by the Trustees, of the subject above mentioned, it was voted that the Librarian should receive fifty dollars for his services for the current year, and that such assistance as might be deemed necessary should be paid at the rate of twenty cents per hour. This service had previously been rendered gratuitously by the Trustees, and it had been considered desirable in order that the public might be served promptly, that there should be three persons in attendance during the evenings on which the Library was open, (the afternoon service had always been performed by the Librarian alone.) As Mr. Turk did not wish to be confined to this service, Miss Anna D. Trowt was engaged to serve for one hour on each Wednesday evening. Miss Trowt remained about three months, and later in the season Miss Gertrude Whitney accepted the vacant position, and has continued until the present time, a very efficient assistant. Mr. Moulton has been present nearly every evening during the year.

The Library has been open for the delivery of books every

Wednesday afternoon and evening throughout the year, the annual examination and account of books having been accomplished without closing the Library.

The use of the Library by the schools has been about the same as in former years, a considerable number of books being taken for supplementary reading, etc.

Chiefly through the influence of Mr. Turk, a branch of the Library has been established at Wenham Neck, which has been well patronized. This has been in charge of Miss Adeline Wilkins, who has attended to the conveyance and distribution of the books in that part of the town.

The East and West branches have been continued as heretofore.

The whole town is now in fairly convenient touch with the Library, and it is hoped that much real benefit will result to all concerned.

Owing to the payment for Library service, and the increased cost of books under the present regulations of the publishers, a less number of books than usual have been added during the year. No large purchases have been made, but smaller lots have been added at frequent intervals. In consequence of this manner of replenishing the Library by a continual inflow of books, no printed lists have been issued, but a bulletin covering the additions of the year has been prepared which will probably be ready for distribution before this report goes to press. The new books have been selected with care and it is believed will be found both useful and entertaining.

We are much gratified at being able to report a considerable increase in the use of the more serious books, the circulation of non-fiction being about twenty-one per cent. of the whole, against fifteen per cent. last year, a gain of six per cent. in one year. This may be partly due to the recommendations of the Librarian in cases where people have presented their cards without designating what books are desired.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

Many gifts of books, pamphlets, magazines and other miscellaneous matter have been received from various friends during the year, for all which favors the thanks of the Trustees and of the community at large are due. A detailed list of these gifts may be found in the table of statistics appended.

CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY

The annual examination of the books was made in July without closing the Library for that purpose. Every book in the circulating department was fully accounted for. The fact that for the last ten years not a single book has been lost, is evidence that in this respect, at least, the Library has been well cared for. As

to the condition of the books, there are many which have become so soiled or worn as to be really unfit to be kept in circulation.

We wish we could impress upon the minds of the patrons of the Library the great need of more care in the use of the books. While some of the readers are very considerate in this respect, there are too many who appear to have little or no regard for the well-being of the books. Books going into some families are almost certain to be returned in a more or less damaged condition. This ought not to be so, and we hope that in the future there will be less need of calling attention to this matter.

NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY

The old question of how to relieve the crowded condition of the Library is still before us. During the past year, the Librarian has been obliged to carry away and store at his own house a considerable quantity of matter in order to make room for the new books in the circulating department. The shelves thus cleared are very inconvenient of access, being either down near the floor or else too high to be reached from the floor. It is hoped that the committee appointed at the last annual town meeting to consider the question of providing better accommodations for the Library will be prepared to report some feasible plan at the coming town meeting.

STATISTICS OF THE LIBRARY

For the Year 1902

CIRCULATION

Days on which the Library has been open for exchange of books (afternoon and evening,)	53
Volumes lent at Central Library,	3,259
" " East Wenham Branch,	417
" " West Wenham Branch,	386
" " Wenham Neck Branch (three months,)	195
Total number of volumes lent,	4,257
Volumes renewed,	277
Average weekly delivery,	80+
Largest " " Jan. 29,	128
Smallest " " Aug. 13,	35
Volumes lost,	0
Number of different individuals who have taken books during the year,	294
(As follows:—Central Library, 190; E. Wenham Branch, 36; W. Wenham, 26; Wenham Neck, 42.).	
New names added,	60
Whole number of different individuals who have taken books since the adoption of the present system of administration (1893),	643

CLASSIFICATION AND USE

	Volumes catalogued Dec. 31, 1901	Volumes added 1902	Volumes catalogued Dec. 31, 1902	Volumes lent at Central Library	Volumes lent at East Wenham Branch	Volumes lent at West Wenham Branch	Volumes lent at Wenham Neck Branch (Oct.-Dec.)	Whole number of Volumes lent
History	383	18	401	159	16	4	12	191
Biography	288	11	299	95	10	7	1	113
Travel	234	15	249	162	16	22	5	205
Science	165	11	176	107	6	14	3	130
Poetry	48	5	53	21	1	0	0	22
Religion	94	1	95	19	1	3	0	23
Miscellaneous	378	28	406	207	6	8	3	224
Total Non-Fiction	1590	89	1679	770	56	58	24	908
Fiction	1509	79	1588	2489	361	328	171	3349
Total including Fiction	3099	168	3267	3259	417	386	195	4257
Per cent. of circulation, Non-Fiction								21.33–
" " Fiction								78.674
								100.00

The Trustees having been criticized in former years for closing the Library for the annual examination of the books in the summer season, the following table has been prepared to show the weekly and monthly circulation during the past year. It gives a fair idea of the use of the Library from year to year.

	First Week	Second Week	Third Week	Fourth Week	Fifth Week	Total for month	Weekly average in each month
January	105	101	111	77	128	522	1054
February	102	107	110	73		392	98
March	96	112	81	66		355	89—
April	123	64	90	92	83	452	904
May	61	78	99	66		304	76
June	62	69	96	72		299	75—
July	36	94	38	80	39	287	574
August	90	35	56	38		219	55—
September	83	58	61	59		261	654
October	101	56	94	53	111	415	83
November	61	120	63	92		336	84
December	77	81	80	63	114	415	83

Total circulation for the year 4,257
Average weekly circulation for the year 804

ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY

	Catalogued	Not Catalogued	Total
Volumes added during the year			
By purchase,	113	3	116
By gift,	55	77	132
	168	80	248
Volumes in Library, Dec. 31, 1901,	3099	863	3962
" " Dec. 31, 1902,	3267	943	4210
Pamphlets in Library, Dec. 31, 1901,			864
" added by gift,			70
" in Library, Dec. 31, 1902,			934

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Periodicals, Etc.
Berry, John M., Millbury, Mass.,		1	
Beverly (Mass.) Citizen, Pubs.,			Sub. 1 year
Beverly (Mass.) Public Library,		1	
Boston (Mass.) Public Library,		1	
Chickering & Sons, Boston,		1	
Cole, Mrs. Edward B., Wenham,			48 numbers
Dodd, Mead & Co., New York,	1		
Dodge, Miss E. P., Danvers,			52 numbers
Dodge, Richard E., New York,			10 "
Fenton, Miss Emma L., Wenham,	3		12 "
Gardner, Hon. A. P., Washington, D. C.,	1		Cong. Record
Gould, Miss E. P., Boston,		3	13 numbers
Gould, Mrs. Grace H., Wenham,			24 "
Holden, Miss Clara B.,	1		
Kimball, Miss Lydia M., Wenham,			12 "
Lake Mohonk Arbitration Conference,		1	
Lawson, Thomas W., Boston,	1		
Lowell (Mass.) Textile School,		1	
Magee, Mrs. Frank A., Wenham, (papers)			135 numbers
Mass. Agricultural College, Amherst,		7	
Sec'y Commonwealth, Boston,	29	2	
Sergeant at Arms, "	1		
Soldiers' Home, Chelsea,		1	
State Board of Charity, Boston,		1	
Trustees Public Reservations, Boston,		2	
Moody, Hon. Wm. H., Washington, D. C.,		1	Cong. Record
Moulton, Henry A., Wenham,		1	Papers
Neilson, Mrs. James, New Brunswick, N.J.	35		
"One who loves to give," Boston,	1		

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Periodicals, Etc.
Patch, Mrs. George W., Wenham,			30 numbers
Penn. Prison Society, Phila., Pa.,		1	
Perkins, Mrs. George H., Wenham,			12 numbers
Perkins, James H., Jr., "	1	1	
Pickett, Mrs. James B., "	1	1	25 numbers
Pingree, Mrs. Harriet E. "		1	
Pool, Wellington, "	9	14	Papers
Proctor, Mrs. James H., Ipswich,			40 numbers
Rhode Island Agricultural Exp. Station,		1	
Salem (Mass.) Public Library,		3	
Salem (Mass.) Water Board,		1	
Tabor Academy, Marion, Mass.,		1	
Towle Manufacturing Co., Newburyport,	2	1	
Trask, Ira F., Wenham,		1	
Trowt, Andrew D., "			68 numbers
Turk, Mrs. Morris H., "			12 "
U. S. Government Publications			
Bureau of American Republics,			12 "
Bureau of Education,	1		
Bureau of Foreign Commerce,	2	7	12 numbers
Civil Service Commission,	2		
Dept. of Agriculture,		19	
Dept. of Interior,	25		
Interstate Commerce Commission,	1		
Library of Congress,	1		
Naval War Records,	1		
Smithsonian Institution,	2		
Wenham Cong. Sunday school,	24		
Wenham, Town of,	1	1	
White, Alden P., Salem,			Papers
Williams, Fred A., Wenham,			24 numbers
	146	77	
Duplicates, not included in accession table,	14	7	
Gifts to the Library, not including duplicates,	132	70	

Several other gifts received since Jan. 1, 1903, will be duly acknowledged in the next annual report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1902

Unexpended balance with Town Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1901,			$ 21 68
Town appropriation, March, 1902,			225 00
Receipts from fines, cards, etc.,			11 42
Total receipts,			$258 10

EXPENDITURES

For Library service			
Benjamin H. Conant, Librarian, 10 months,		$41 67	
Henry A. Moulton, services, 40 evenings,		12 00	
Anna D. Trowt, " 10 "		2 00	
A. Gertrude Whitney, " 14 "		2 80	
Addison Williams, East Branch, 1 year,		10 00	
George V. Bowden, West " "		10 00	
			$78 47
For Books			
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn,	4 volumes,	$3 39	
Charles E. Lauriat Co.,	3 "	2 84	
Damrell & Upham,	6 "	8 44	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.,	68 "	61 07	
Doubleday, Page & Co.,	14 "	6 91	
Pilgrim Press,	20 "	21 78	
W. B. Clarke Co.,	1 "	85	
	116 volumes		$105 28
Miscellaneous Items			
U. S. Dept. of the Interior, map,		80	
E. A. Mackintire, record books,		1 75	
Subscription to "Bookman,"		2 00	
" "Dial,"		1 00	
American Express,		2 20	
Stationery, postage and all other incidentals,		2 86	
			$10 61
Total expenditures,			$194 36
Unexpended balance with Town Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1902,			$63 74
Jan. 8, 1903. Paid Horace E. Durgin, Town Treasurer, the amount received for fines, etc., during the year 1902,			11 42

EDWIN D. HAWKINS FUND

Amount of Mr. Hawkins' legacy, received 1897,	$125 00
Deposited in Beverly Savings Bank, Oct. 1897,	100 00
Balance appropriated for books,	$25 00
Accrued interest on deposit to Oct. 1902,	19 73
	$44 73
Expended for books (15 volumes) previous to Dec. 31, 1902,	23 55
Balance available Dec. 31, 1902,	$21 18

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. H. CONANT,

Sec'y of Trustees and Librarian,

Wenham Public Library.

Wenham, Mass., Feb. 7, 1903.

Town of Wenham

Annual Reports

1903

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

AND THE

REPORTS OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

Trustees of the Public Library

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1903

BEVERLY, MASS.
THE CITIZEN PRINTING COMPANY
1904

Town Officers for the Year 1903=1904

Moderator—Horace E. Durgin.

Town Clerk—Wellington Pool.

Selectmen—Herbert W. Porter, chairman; Nathaniel P. Perkins, clerk; Otis D. Brewer.

Assessors—Nathaniel P. Perkins, chairman; Otis D. Brewer, clerk; Herbert W. Porter.

Overseers of the Poor—Nathaniel P. Perkins, chairman; Otis D. Brewer, clerk; Herbert W. Porter.

Fence Viewers—Herbert W. Porter, Nathaniel P. Perkins, Otis D. Brewer.

Town Treasurer—Horace E. Durgin.

Collector of Taxes—Fred P. Stanton.

School Committee—Rev. Morris H. Turk, Ph.D., chairman 1905. [Removed to Natick, Mass. vacancy.] George V. Bowden, chairman pro tem., 1906; Elbridge Porter, secretary, 1904.

Constables—Charles H. McQueeny, Henry P. Brewer, Taylor C. Lyford.

Special Police—Charles H. McQueeny, chief; Henry P. Brewer, Taylor C. Lyford, George V. Bowden.

Trustees of the Public Library—Henry A. Moulton, chairman 1906; Benjamin H. Conant, secretary and librarian 1905; Rev. Morrris H. Turk, Ph. D., 1904. [See above.]

Board of Health—Fred P. Stanton, chairman 1905; Henry Alley, secretary 1904; John R. Sargent, 1906.

Commissioners of Public Cemetery—Warren Jones, chairman 1906; Frank H. Tarr, clerk 1905; Samuel K. Evans, 1904.

Surveyors of Highways—Ward 1, Addison Williams; ward 2, Orin P. Thompson; ward 3, James L. Cole; ward 4, Arthur M. Harrigan; ward 5, Frank H. Tarr; ward 6, Sargent M. Knowlton; ward 7, James F. Crockett; ward 8, James S. Brown; ward 9, Charles W. Perkins.

Tree Warden—Taylor C. Lyford.

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark—John K. Dodge, Arthur D. Prince, Herbert W. Porter, James H. Perkins.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—James H. Perkins.

Town Weighers—William F. Trowt, John K. Dodge, William P. Dodge.

Firewards and Forest Firewards—Horace E. Durgin, chief; Fred P. Stanton, clerk; Frank H. Tarr, Levi S. Lord, Daniel A. Homan, Simeon Dodge, Chester S. Cook, Edward F. Stanley, Addison Williams.

Inspector of Animals—Henry Alley.

Keeper of Lockup and Tramps—John C. Richards.

Finance and Advisory Committee—The Selectmen (ex-officio); Oscar Hosmer, chairman 1904; Fred P. Stanton, clerk 1905; Arthur D. Prince, 1904; Chester S. Cook, 1905; Jeremiah Kavanagh and Sargent M. Knowlton, 1906.

Nominating Committee—Six at Large and one for each Highway ward.

At Large—Horace E. Durgin, chairman; Samnel M. Hill, secretary; Oscar Hosmer, Clarence E. Kimball, Henry A. Moulton, Addison Williams.

By Wards—Ward 1, Henry D. Stillman; ward 2, Frank T. Johnson; ward 3, Arthur D. Prince; ward 4, William P. Dodge; ward 5, William F. Trowt; ward 6, Thomas M. Barnes; ward 7, George V. Bowden; ward 8, Charles H. Stanton; ward 9, John R. Sargent.

REPORT

Snow Department

WARD ONE

Paid	Addison Williams	3 20	
	Henry D. Stillman	4 50	
	Saml. H. Hawkins	1 00	
	Wm. H. Beck	40	
	John Hart	50	
			$9 60

WARD TWO

Paid	Frank T. Johnson	7 70	
	Francis S. Lovett	2 00	
			$9 70

WARD THREE

Paid	Alonzo Young	1 76	
	John Morgan	4 10	
	The S. R. Prince Co.	7 44	
	Charles Wilkins	1 30	
			$14 60

WARD FIVE

Paid	Frank H. Tarr	37 07	
	Danl. A. Homan	1 78	
	Thos. W. Bachelder	11	
	Saml. K. Evans	4 23	
	Warren Jones	2 77	
	T. M. Barnes	2 22	
	Saml. M. Hill	3 61	
	Wm. T. Tucker	6 11	
	Elbridge Porter	89	
	E. P. Stanley	1 56	
	A. Knowlton	2 00	
	H. R. Merrill	1 00	
	C. W. Bagley	1 78	
	Geo. W. Jones	1 78	
			$66 91

WARD SIX

Paid S. M. Knowlton		$3 80

WABD SEVEN

Paid C. S. Cook	2 42	
J. Frank Crockett	9 71	
Geo. W. Preston	2 42	
Daniel Harrigan	1 94	
Perley N. Dodge	28	
Geo. A. Perkins	1 94	
Geo. W. Wilson	99	
	——	$19 70

WARD EIGHT

Paid J. Sumner Brown	1 34	
Charles E. Kimball	44	
J. B. Mc Culloch	1 11	
	——	$2 89

WARD NINE

Paid John R. Sargent		2 20
Total snow to Dec. 31, 1903		$129 40

Highway Department

WARD ONE

Paid William H. Beck	$ 10 00	
D. W. Preston	17 50	
C. N. Preston	6 78	
L. H. Preston	2 00	
George H. Wyatt	6 00	
B. F. Burchsted	8 60	
Timothy Higgins	8 00	
J. W. Higgins	5 00	
Winslow Day	30 70	
Addison Williams	22 00	
Henry D. Stillman	35 00	
George W. Stillman	1 00	
	——	$152 58

WARD TWO

Paid H. D. Stillman	$ 25 56	
F. H. Tarr	17 24	
Ephraim Power	17 10	
George W. Jones	6 00	

Paid	A. M. Harrigan	$12 00	
	S. M. Hill	76 63	
	F. S. Lovett	4 00	
	C. H. Abbott	3 00	
	S. K. Evans	88	
	Moses Wheeler	88	
	Orin P. Thompson	1 00	
	Charles S. Gwinn, drain pipe	24 00	
	Joseph Knowlton, gravel	19 20	
		——	$207 49

WARD THREE

Paid	The S. R. Prince Co.	$ 59 00	
	Charles Wilkins	42 00	
	Edward B. Cole	68 06	
	The S. R. Prince Co., gravel	20 50	
		——	$189 56

WARD FOUR

Paid	George W. Jones	$ 15 00	
	Henry P. Brewer	9 00	
	F. H. Tarr	36 00	
	M. Sullivan	10 50	
	A. M. Harrigan	62 34	
	F. A. Stanley	3 00	
		——	$135 84

WARD FIVE

Paid	F. H. Tarr	$ 57 09	
	W. T. Tucker	9 33	
	A. M. Harrigan	33 00	
	E. P. Stanley	6 00	
	T. W. Batchelder	8 00	
	A. R. Bowden	4 00	
	S. M. Hill	10 00	
	G. W. Jones	14 44	
	T. M. Barnes	10 00	
	John Williams	2 00	
	C. W. Bagley	2 44	
	Roy Stanley	2 00	
	Warren Jones	2 00	
	Charles F. Dudley	2 00	
	F. A. Stanley, gravel	9 10	
		——	$171 40

WARD SIX

Paid	S. M. Knowlton	$ 94 64	
	Eben Stanley	6 22	

Paid F. A. Stanley	$ 17 60		
Daniel Roberts	6 00		
George W. Jones	21 33		
T. M. Barnes	14 50		
A. M. Harrigan	2 00		
Harrison Merrill	10 02		
Daniel A. Homan	1 22		
F. A. Stanley, gravel	5 40		
			$178 93

WARD SEVEN

Paid J. Frank Crockett	$ 55 28		
George V. Bowden	28 00		
Charles M. Bixby	31 22		
Sidney S. Cook	12 00		
Perley N. Dodge	10 00		
Edward L. Kimball	14 00		
Otis Alley	6 00		
W. S. Putnam	10 00		
George W. Peabody	3 50		
George W. Preston	10 00		
Daniel Harrigan	10 50		
J. Stanley Bell	10 00		
			$200 50

WARD EIGHT

Paid J. Sumner Brown	$82 61		
A. R. Bowden	11 11		
Charles H. Stanton	25 33		
Charles E. Kimball	11 11		
L. W. Batchelder	10 50		
Edward L. Kimball	27 45		
J. B. McCullough	9 00		
Perley N. Dodge	21 11		
J. Sumner Brown, gravel	25 20		
			$223 42

WARD NINE

Paid Charles W. Perkins	$115 85		
Perley L. Cummings	48 20		
M. Sullivan	7 50		
			$171 85
Total highway wards			$1631 57

Of the above amount $150 was expended in repairs upon sidewalks.

New Sidewalk on Arbor Street

Paid	Charles W. Perkins	$86 30
	Perley L. Cummings	21 00
		$107 30

Widening Cedar Street

Paid	George W. Jones	labor	$11 78
	Warren Jones	"	9 11
	A. B. Knowlton	"	3 33
	Fred S. Knowlton	"	15 67
	Taylor Lyford	"	6 77
	Arthur Day	"	1 44
	D. A. Homan	"	2 00
	Sargent M. Knowlton	"	4 97
	" "	teaming gravel 163 13-27 yds.	41 20
	S. M. Hill	" " 234 2-3 "	58 69
	T. M. Barnes	" " 233 23-27 "	58 48
	Perley N. Dodge	" " 69 "	17 25
	Jacob D. Barnes, gravel furnished		56 08
	C. S. Gwinn, drain pipe		43 50
			$330 27

Main Street Curb Stones

Paid	S. E. McGlauflin, stones and setting	$108 46

Extra Highway

Paid	H. H. Dempsey, sharpening drills		$ 7 80
	Simeon Dodge, pumping water		1 60
	F. H. Tarr, pumping water		13 37
	Wm. T. Tucker, setting bound stones (Porter st.)		4 00
	Barbor Stockwell Co., catch basin cover		9 00
	W. A. Webb, mason work		6 00
	Thomas M. Barnes, watering streets		23 03
	D. Linnehan & Son, building drain, ward 2	(1901)	43 00
	C. F. Elliott, nails		1 36
	Addison Williams, blasting rock		4 15
	H. W. Porter, guard railing and repairs on Walnut st. bridge		18 88
	Albert J. Porter, surveying Cedar and Porter sts.		118 00
	" " 32 stone bounds		48 00
			$298 19

State Highway

Paid Waltham Trap Rock Co., trap rock		$2,298 54
Sprague, Breed & Brown, coal		79 11
A. J. Barton, stone cap		6 00
Willard Harris, express		2 00
H. E. Durgin, blacksmith work		7 27
E. F. Day, bricks		20 70
Connolly Brothers, use of steam roller		381 50
H. W. Porter, lumber furnished		5 96
C. S. Gwinn, use of freight yard and supplies		69 66
O. E. McQueeny, supplies furnished		1 50
W. A. Webb, mason work		6 00
Simeon Dodge, pumping water		34 22
S. M. Hill,	labor and teaming	222 04
T. M. Barnes,	" "	223 17
Charles Abbott,	" "	120 54
C. W. Perkins,	" "	9 45
P. L. Cummings,	" "	192 66
F. H. Tarr,	" "	216 13
C. W. Bagley,	"	81 44
Roy Stanley,	"	53 55
Joseph Addison,	"	3 11
George W. Jones,	"	100 99
A. M. Harrigan,	"	24 44
Charles Dudley	"	101 25
E. P. Stanley,	"	101 99
Roland Dudley,	"	34 00
Warren Jones,	"	98 44
Taylor Lyford,	"	40 00
John Williams,	"	64 88
Harrison R. Merrill,	"	10 50
William T. Tucker,	"	89 88
Daniel A. Homan,	"	1 11
C. W. Hallett, roller engineer		160 10
Pay roll of work on street railroad,		109 78
		$4,971 91

Of the above amount the sum of $382.22 has been reimbursed the town by the Boston and Northern Street Railroad Company for work done by the town in improving their roadbed on Main St.

Fire Department

Paid	H. H. Dempsey, janitor service	$50 00
	W. F. Homan, labor	3 05
	John Girdler, coal	9 00
	R. Robertson, repairs on engines	5 70
	Salaries of company,	36 00
	Simeon Dodge, journeys and expense	6 25
	" " pumping water	2 89
	Daniel A. Homan, labor and supplies	2 85
	F. H. Tarr, labor	5 29
	City of Beverly, services at the Tilton fire	50 00
	Fred H. Brooks, stock and labor	3 26
	Ira A. Smith, iron work	3 00
	Walter Homan, watching fire at Tilton's	2 67
	A. B. Bowden, labor and supplies at Tilton's	2 11
	J. H. Perkins, supplies	1 90
	C. S. Gwinn, coal	12 75
	H. E. Durgin, labor and supplies	8 74
	H. W. Porter, stock and labor on ventilator	31 90
	" " " " hose dryer	10 39
	O. E. McQueeney, labor and supplies	5 25
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies	5 75
	F. P. Stanton, supplies	40 52
	Boston Woven Hose Co., hose and supplies	273 03
	George W. Fitz, repairs on engine (1902)	4 00
	Whitcomb-Carter Co., hardware	2 10
		$578 40

Poor Department

Mrs. H. F. Casson

Paid	City of Salem, board at hospital	$18 57	
	" " " almshouse	33 58	
	" Beverly, board at almshouse	43 22	
			$95 37

Mrs. Margaret Stanley

Paid	C. S. Gwinn, coal and wood	$ 7 25	
	Dr. Thayer, medical attendance	15 00	
	H. E. Durgin, Treas., cash paid for aid	20 00	
			$42 25

Miss Matilda Stanley

Paid	Mrs. Harriet Folsom, for board	$ 6 00	$ 6 00

Family of Harry Williams

Paid Town of Hingham, cash paid for aid	$127 29	$127 29	

Miss Mary Tuttle

Paid Town of Peabody, board at almshouse	$145 70	$145 70	

Ellen Terrio

Paid City of Salem, board in hospital	$19 00		
" " cash paid for aid	28 95		
		$47 95	

Charles A. Babcock and Family

Paid City of Melrose, medical attendance	$ 21 00		
" " aid furnished	115 19		
		$136 19	
			$600 75

Soldiers' Relief

Mrs. Thomas H. Clark

Paid Cash paid for her relief,	$70 00	$70 00	

Mrs. E. Plaisted

Paid Cash paid for her relief,	$40 00	$40 00	

Joseph Addison (Paid for Town of Merrimac)

Paid Cash paid for his relief,	$52 00	$52 00	

Mrs. C. C. Soper

Paid Joseph F. Kent, wood	$ 7 50		
Town of Danvers, wood and coal (1902)	24 75		
Town of Peabody, wood and coal	44 25		
Cash paid for aid,	22 00		
Dr. H. K. Foster, medical attendance	77 00		
Wm. T. Lee, medicine furnished	25 40		
		$200 90	

Mrs. Annie M. Babcock

Paid City of Melrose for aid furnished,	$177 90	$177 90	
			$540 80

Street Lighting

Paid	Welsbach Street Lighting Co. for lights from July 24 to Dec. 31 inclusive,	$544 13	$544 13

Special School House Committee

Paid	Alden P. White, legal advice	$ 5 00	
	Rev. M. H. Turk, journeys to Boston and Salem	5 00	
	H. W. Porter, journey to Boston	3 00	
	F. C. Pillsbury, plan of Kimball lot	47 00	
			$60 00

Cemetery Wall

Paid	F. H. Tarr, hauling stone	$ 8 96	
	Albert J. Porter, cap stone	10 00	
	Horace E. Durgin, labor and supplies	5 79	
			$24 75

Veteran Association Hall (Old Engine House)

Paid	George W. Jones, building wall and grading	$24 90	
	Sargent M. Knowlton, building stones	5 50	
	Thomas M. Barnes, hauling stones and filling	25 95	
	George H. Woodbury, repairing plastering	1 25	
	C. S. Gwinn, cement and lime	6 00	
	H. W. Porter, moving and repairing	102 43	
	Fred H. Brooks, painting	59 45	
			$225 48

Poor Travellers

Paid	John C. Richards, for care	$50 00	
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies	6 16	
			$56 16

Total number of travellers cared for from March 1, 1903 to Jan. 1, 1904 was 198. The oldest was 70 years, the youngest 19 years, average ages 43¾ years. 175 were of Irish parentage, 10 American, 4 English, 4 Canadian, 2 Swedish, 2 Nova Scotia and 1 Scotch.

Tree Warden

Paid	Taylor C. Lyford,	labor	$14 61	
	D. Q. Roberts,	"	4 22	
	George W. Jones	"	4 22	
	H. L. Frost & Co.,	spraying trees	75 00	
				$98 05

Town Officers

TOWN CLERK

Paid	Wellington Pool,	salary to Dec. 31,	$65 00	$65 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paid	Rev. M. H. Turk,	services to Dec. 31, 1903,	$87 50	
	George V. Bowden,	" Mar. 1, 1903,	38 00	
	Elbridge Porter,	" Mar. 1, 1903,	35 00	
				$160 50

MODERATOR

Paid	Horace E. Durgin		$ 5 00	$5 00

TREASURER

Paid	Horace E. Durgin,	salary	$60 00	$60 00

AUDITOR

Paid	James B. Pickett,	services 1902-3	$3 00	$3 00

ELECTION OFFICERS

Paid	Harry B. Pulsifer,	teller	$ 2 50	
	Simeon Dodge,	"	2 50	
	Levi S. Lord,	"	2 50	
	Henry A. Moulton	"	2 50	
	Frank H. Tarr,	"	2 50	
	Benjamin F. Young,	ballot clerk	2 00	
	Charles H. Stanton,	" "	2 00	
	George V. Bowden,	" "	2 00	
	Arthur M. Harrigan,	" "	2 00	
	N. P. Perkins,	election officer	2 50	
	H. W. Porter,	" "	2 50	
	O. D. Brewer,	" "	2 50	
				$28 00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Paid James H. Perkins, services	$13 71	$13 71

TAX COLLECTOR

Paid Fred P. Stanton, salary for 1902,	$75 00	$75 00

SELECTMEN

Paid Herbert W. Porter, 29 days' service	$ 72 50
" " 17 journeys out of town and expense paid	40 61
" " use of team	7 00
Nathaniel P. Perkins, 22 days' service	55 00
" " journeys and expense paid	5 00
" " distributing town reports	1 00
Otis D. Brewer, 12 days' service	30 00
" " distributing reports	2 50
	$ 213 61

ASSESSORS

Paid Nathaniel P. Perkins, 15 days' service	$ 37 50
" " journeys out of town and expense paid	19 70
Otis D. Brewer, 6 days' service	15 00
H. W. Porter, 10 days' service	25 00
" " journeys and expense	4 00
	$ 101 20

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Paid Nathaniel P. Perkins, services for the year	$ 10 00
" " journey to Hingham	4 35
Otis D. Brewer, services for the year	5 00
Herbert W. Porter, services for the year	5 00
Cash paid for aid to traveler	88
	$ 25 23

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Paid Herbert W. Porter, four sessions	$ 5 00
Nathaniel P. Perkins, four sessions	5 00
Otis D. Brewer, six sessions	7 50
Wellington Pool, three sessions	3 75
	$ 21 25

Board of Health

Paid	C. E. Beard, supplies furnished	$ 12 50
	F. P. Stanton, " "	18 70
	P. L. Cummings, house rent	2 50
	George H. Thissell, fumigating	3 25
	Henry Alley, labor and cash paid	6 75
	F. P. Stanton, journey to Haverhill	3 00
		$ 46 70

Police Department

Paid	Woodward & Ober, supplies	$ 8 00
	Charles H. McQueeny, services	34 50
	" " court orders	4 68
	Henry P. Brewer, services	4 00
	George P. Bowden, "	2 00
	Taylor Lyford, "	2 00
	B. H. Conant, photographs	2 50
		$ 57 68

Care of Park and Common

Paid	W. Pool, labor	$ 4 84
	A. M. Harrigan, "	10 00
	Warren Jones, "	90
	W. T. Tucker, "	6 22
		$ 21 96

Town Hall

Paid	C. S. Gwinn, coal	$ 65 00
	George F. Hinkley, repairs on furnace	5 00
	George A. Addison, painting	1 00
	W. Pool, care of hall	46 00
		$ 117 00

Military Aid

Paid	Daniel A. Homan	$ 132 00
	Benjamin F. Burchsted	72 00
	Benjamin F. Young	132 00
		$ 336 00

State Aid

Paid Joseph Addison	$ 49	50
Henry P. Brewer	66	00
Mary A. Burkee	44	00
Richard A. Bridges	24	00
Hannah H. Bridges	24	00
Mary E. Manning	40	00
George W. Pierce	44	00
Elbridge K. Stanley	60	00
Edward F. Stanley	44	00
Mary A. Stanley	44	00
Joseph B. Woodman	54	00
Mary B. Woodman	44	00
Ira F. Trask	12	00
	$ 549	50

Town Incidentals

Paid John C. Richards, cash paid for key	$	15
A. J. Walker, tuning piano, Town Hall	2	25
Benjamin F. Young, returning deaths as undertaker	2	25
A. C. Libby, record book	1	00
Irving W. Allen, printing official ballots	20	00
Thomas Barnes, hauling stone for cesspool	2	50
William T. Tucker, incidental labor	8	32
" " care of soldiers' cemetery lot	2	50
Whitcomb-Carter Co., dynamite	3	22
Beverly Citizen Co., printing town reports	64	00
Clerk of Courts, for filing petition	3	00
J. H. Carlton, repairs on furnace	3	50
H. M. Dolbear, assessors' notices	1	25
Wenham Veteran Association, town appropriation	50	00
L. E. Libby, insurance on Town Hall	93	75
J. Kavanagh, water for town buildings	10	00
Climax Road Machine Co., new parts	10	50
Irving W. Allen, printing proposed By-Laws	16	00
B. F. Young, damage to fence 1901	15	00
R. Robertson, repairs on engine, pumps, etc.	68	99
Beverly News Co., pens		75
Barry, Beale & Co., stationery	1	82
E. A. Mackintire, "	2	00
George W. Jones, cutting wood		45
D. A. Homan, setting town bound		80

Paid Woodward & Ober, highway tools	$ 1	75
Thomas J. Grey, plow points	2	00
B. H. Conant, care of town clock	20	00
John W. Goodhue, highway supplies	22	61
George W. Fitz, repairs on pump (1902)	3	00
James H. Perkins, Jr., telephones and sundries	14	59
F. H. Brooks, glass and putty and labor	5	21
Daniel W. Preston, damages caused by highway accident	100	00
Danvers Insane Hospital, board for George F. Dodge	26	84
H. E. Durgin, repairs on road machine, etc.	11	75
H. W. Porter, administering oaths	1	00
" " cash paid for telegrams	1	26
" " labor raising steam roller	2	00
" " putting up voting booth		75
" " rails for snow fence	4	75
" " repairing safe for town clerk		94
" " repairing settees	3	00
" " stock and labor on toilet room	5	24
N. P. Perkins, cash paid for telegrams and postage	1	00
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies for Town Hall, etc.	18	25
F. P. Stanton, cash paid for printing	5	40
A. J. Porter, plan of line between Phillips' estate and Main St.	6	00
Wellington Pool, cash paid for fees, express, etc.	14	45
" " administering oaths	1	50
" " journeys out of town	3	00
" " recording births, deaths and marriages	14	00
	$ 674	29

Summary of Town Expenses

SCHOOLS

	Received	Expended	Overdraft
Town appropriation	$3,725 00		
City of Boston	34 00		
State of Massachusetts	318 50		
	$4,077 50	$4,491 22	$413 72

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Town appropriation	550 00	572 40	22 40

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Town appropriation	450 00	540 80	90 80

ARBOR ST. SIDEWALK

Town appropriation	100 00	107 30	7 30

HIGHWAY REPAIRS

Town appropriation	1,500 00	1,631 57	131 57

EXTRA HIGHWAY WORK

Town appropriations	$3,000 00		Balance
State highway commission	1,786 17		
Excise tax	504 25		
B. & N. R. R.	382 22		
State highway work		$4,575 99	
Railroad work		382 22	
Stone sold to Hamilton		41 80	
Other extra work		298 19	
	$5,672 64	$5,298 20	$374 44

WIDENING CEDAR STREET

Town appropriation	400 00	330 27	69 73

MAIN ST. CURBING

Town appropriation	108 46	108 46	

OLD ENGINE HOUSE

Town appropriation	225 48	225 48	

POOR DEPARTMENT

Town appropriation	300 00		
Lilla Cunningham fund	500 00		
	800 00	600 75	199 25

	Received	Expended	Balance
SPECIAL SCHOOL HOUSE COMMITTEE			
Town appropriation	100 00	60 00	40 00
STREET LIGHTS			
Town appropriation	1,250 00	544 13	705 87
CEMETERY WALL			
Bal. of appropriation	56 72	24 75	31 97
SHADE TREES			
Town appropriation	50 00	nothing	50 00
TREE WARDEN'S DEPARTMENT			
Town appropriation	125 00	98 05	26 95
LIBRARY			
Town appropriation	250 00		
Received for fines	11 75		
Bal. from last year	63 74		
	$325 49	$265 77	$59 71
TOWN INCIDENTALS			
Town appropriation	$2000 00		
State aid reimbursed	645 00		
Military aid reimbursed	144 00		
Town officers		771 50	
Board of health		46 70	
Police		57 68	
Removing snow		129 40	
Care of town hall		117 00	
Care of park and common		21 96	
Military aid		336 00	
State aid		549 50	
Care of poor travellers		56 16	
Other incidentals		674 29	
	$2,789 00	$2,761 19	$27 81
NEW SCHOOL HOUSE			
Town appropriation	5,000 00		
Deposited on account of new School House fund		5,000 00	
	5,000 00	5,000 00	

Tax Collector

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1900

Dr. to balance on tax list,	$ 117 21	
interest on taxes,	1 46	
		$ 118 67
Cr. by payments to Treasurer,	$ 15 15	
abatements,	2 00	
uncollected taxes,	101 52	
		$ 118 67

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1901

Dr. to balance on tax list,	$ 296 92	
interest on taxes,	18 06	
		$ 314 98
Cr. by payments to Treasurer,	$ 216 89	
abatements,	14 00	
uncollected taxes,	84 09	
		$ 314 98

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1902

Dr. to balance on tax list,	$ 1,263 59	
interest on taxes,	17 43	
		$ 1281 02
Cr. by payments to Treasurer,	$ 870 02	
abatements,	36 75	
uncollected taxes,	374 25	
		$ 1,281 02

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1903

Dr. to amount of tax list,	$ 22,267 00	
Street R. R. excise tax,	504 25	
additions to tax list,	34 75	
interest on taxes,	4 02	
		$ 22,810 02
Cr. by payments to Treasurer,	$ 19,796 69	
abatements, allowed,	400 00	
discounts allowed,	37 51	
uncollected taxes,	2,575 82	
		$ 22,810 02

Treasurer's Account

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH H. E. DURGIN, TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Feb. 2, 1903, balance in treasury,	$ 6,442 92
From the Commonwealth, national bank tax,	855 93
" " corporation tax,	1,552 78
" " street railway tax,	498 68
" " state aid reimbursed,	645 00
" " military aid reimbursed,	144 00
" " state highway,	1,786 17
" " state school superintendent,	250 00
" " one-half compensation of inspector of animals,	12 50
" " education of children,	68 50
City of Boston, " "	34 00
" Salem, Longham taxes,	73 83
"Lilla Cunningham fund," support of poor,	500 00
Adm'r., estate of H. A. Cook,	72 50
S. R. Prince Co., for drain pipe,	10 08
Wellington Pool, rent of hall and piano,	28 50
Wm. F. Trowt, town weigher,	14 45
Benj. H. Conant, librarian, fines, etc.,	11 75
James H. Perkins, Jr., druggist's license,	1 00
Boston & Northern street railway,	382 22
Wm. H. Porter, for cemetery,	10 00
For junk dealers' licenses,	6 00
sale of town history,	1 00
spraying trees,	2 67
sale of junk,	62
extra labor,	1 30
interest,	44 91
cemetery lots,	52 00
From Fred P. Stanton, on account of taxes,	20,898 75
	$ 34,402 06

PAYMENTS

State tax,	$ 875 00
County tax,	1,137 07
State of Mass,, 1-4 druggist's licenses,	25
Repairs on state highway,	40 84
Burial of indigent soldier,	35 00
Interest on Allen cemetery fund,	34 85
" Mary Perkins fund,	30 00
Cemetery commissioners,	289 50
New school house fund,	5,000 00
Selectmen's orders,	17,660 35
Balance in treasury,	9,299 20
	$ 34,402 06

Financial Statement

LIABILITIES

Note due trustees of "Allen cemetery fund,"	$ 475 00
Interest on the same to Jan. 1, 1904,	41 18
Note due trustees of "Mary Perkins fund,"	3,000 00
Interest on the same to Jan. 1, 1904,	201 66
Amount due "Peters Hill" memorial appropriation,	200 00
" " street light "	705 87
" " Library Trustees,	59 71
Estimate of outstanding bills,	1,000 00
	$ 5,683 42

RESOURCES

Due from state of Mass., state aid paid,	$ 549 50
" " " 1-2 of military aid paid,	168 00
" George F. Dodge, board paid at hospital,	170 31
" town of Merrimac, soldiers' relief paid,	52 00
" " Hamilton, for broken stone,	41 80
" F. P. Stanton, tax collector for 1900,	101 52
" " " " " 1901,	84 09
" " " " " 1902,	374 25
" " " " " 1903,	2,575 82
Balance in the treasury	9,299 20
Total resources,	13,416 49
Total liabilities,	5,683 42
Balance in favor of the town,	$ 7,733 07

Assessors' Report

Number of assessed polls	250
Tax on each poll	$ 2 00
Value of assessed personal property	$ 2,638,325 00
" " buildings	602,625 00
" " land	386,900 00
Total valuation	$3,627,850 00
Tax on polls	500 00
Tax on real estate	5,937 15
" personal property	15,829 95
Total tax	$22,267 00
Rate per one thousand dollars	$ 6 00
Number of horses assessed	245
" cows "	326
" swine "	62
" neat cattle other than cows assessed	5
" fowls assessed	1950
" acres of land assessed	4598
" dwelling houses assessed	266
" persons assessed	525
" " " on property	435
" " " on poll tax only	90

Report of the Registrars of Voters

Males	217
Females	13
Number of registered voters Oct. 24, 1903	230

Report of the Trustees of Mary Perkins Fund

Unexpended balance Feb. 1, 1903	$ 94 16	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1904	137 50	
		$231 66
Amount of aid furnished to needy poor		30 00
Unexpended balance to Jan. 1, 1904		$201 66

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

RECEIPTS

Town appropriation	$ 300 00	
Sale of lots	52 00	
Gift of Wm. H. Porter	10 00	
		$ 362 00

EXPENDITURES

Overdrawn 1902	$ 4 28	
Warren Jones, labor	25 07	
S. K. Evans, "	25 20	
F. H. Tarr, "	12 59	
H. E. Durgin, labor and stock	1 80	
Geo. W. Jones, "	16 00	
J. M. Julyn, plants	6 65	
J. F. Pope & Son, lumber	93 30	
Charles F. Elliott, labor and stock	83 07	
Fred H. Brooks, " "	21 54	
Balance	72 50	
		$ 362 00

F. H. TARR, Secretary.

EXPENDED FROM THE "ALLEN FUND"

Southworth Bros., for trees and shrubs	$ 22 30	
S. K. Evans, labor	9 55	
Wm. T. Tucker, lawn mowing	3 00	
		$ 34 85

Auditor's Report

Wenham, February 17, 1904.

The undersigned, having examined the accounts of the several officers, finds the same correct with vouchers for the payments.

JAMES B. PICKETT, Auditor.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1903

Fourteen births (seven males and seven females), thirteen marriages and twenty-two deaths were recorded in Wenham in 1903. Nineteen residents (nine males and ten females) died during the year; eight of whom were removed for interment elsewhere: Three non-residents were brought to Wenham for interment.

DEATHS

Date of Death 1903			Age Years	Months	Days
Jan.	14	Margaret F. Merrill	71		
	23	Marcia A. (Brown) Kimball	75	11	3
March	2	Jane B. (Ball) Underhill	35	4	3
May	29	Joseph G. Lord	90	—	13
June	7	Abbie C. (Garvin) Norris	61	7	21
	10	Wilbur Young	—	3	6
	10	Israel W. Davis	78	11	20
	12	Margaret (Stillman) Stanley	85	2	2
	20	Frances M. (McIntire) Homan	56	11	25
July	17	Sally A. (Phillips) Thompson	78	10	17
Aug.	5	Leonora B. (Beardsley) Demsey	68	2	2
	22	Amos F. Hobbs	82	5	—
	23	Zachariah Cole (Died in Salem)	86	—	28
Sept.	23	Ida Medelins	34	10	9
	27	Perry Collier (summer resident)	64	11	—
	30	John Bass McKnight, Jr.	Stillborn		
Oct.	27	Joseph B. Woodman (Co. B, 8th Regt. Mass. Vol. Inf.)	82	—	15
Dec.	6	William D. Whitney	30	3	6
	20	Hannah A. (Cole) Dodge	54	3	11

Amos M. Kidder, summer resident, died suddenly April 25, 1903, at Englewood, New Jersey.

List of Non-residents brought to Wenham for Interment in 1903

Date of Death 1903			Age Years	Months	Days
Jan.	9	Elizabeth A. (Simonds) Peabody	80	11	23
May	21	Edwin R. Wilkins	23	—	17
Nov.	21	Lydia A. (Conant) Dodge	65	11	19

DOGS

Ninety-three dogs, seventy-seven males and sixteen females (plus one breeder's license $25.00) were licensed, and from the amount received therefor the sum of two hundred and forty-one dollars and forty cents was paid into the county treasury.

The sum of one hundred and eighty-nine dollars and seventy-one cents has been refunded.

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

List of Jurors

Simeon Dodge, shoemaker
Sargent M. Knowlton, farmer
Nathaniel P. Perkins, farmer
Frank E. Perkins, meat dealer
Henry D. Stillman, farmer
J. Sumner Brown, farmer
George W. Jones, laborer
James B. Pickett, R. E. Agent
Elmer E. Clarke, shoemaker
David Pingree, farmer
Joseph T. Haskell, carpenter
Patrick H. Kavanagh, retired
Frank Cole, farmer
Levi S. Lord, horse dealer

List of Department Expenses

Schools	$4,491 22
Fire Department	572 40
Soldiers' Relief	540 80
Arbor Street Sidewalk	107 30
Highway Repairs	1,631 57
Extra Highway Work	5,298 20
Widening Cedar Street	330 27
Main Street Curbing	108 46
Old Engine House	225 48
Poor Department	600 75
Special School House Committee	60 00
Street Lighting	544 13
Cemetery Wall	24 75
Tree Warden's Department	98 05
Library	265 78
Town Incidentals	2,761 19
New School House Fund	5,000 00
Cemetery Department	289 50
State Tax	875 00
County Tax	1,137 07
Interest on Trust Funds	64 85
Total amount expended in 1903	$25,026 77

Recommendations

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the fiscal year 1904:

For Town Incidentals	$2,200 00
Highway Repairs	1,500 00
Extra Highway Work	1,000 00
Street Lighting	800 00
Poor Department	600 00
Soldiers' Relief	450 00
Interest on Allen and Perkins Funds	175 00
Cemetery	200 00
Fire Department	300 00
Town Library	200 00
School Department	3,770 00
Tree Warden's Department	100 00
	$11,295 00

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at six of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles: (Election of officers by "Official Ballot" from 6 A. M. to 10 A. M.)

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing, and see if the Town will vote to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

3d. To act on the annual reports of the Selectmen, School Committee, Trustees of the Public Library and other Town officers.

4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year; make appropriations of the same and determine the manner of collecting.

5th. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, said loan or loans to be paid from said taxes.

6th. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

7th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expenses of "Memorial Day," the same to be used under the direction of the soldiers and sailors of Wenham.

8th. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay the State and Military Aid for the coming year.

9th. To see what action the Town will take in regard to truant scholars.

10th. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salary of the Treasurer and Tax Collector, as per petition of Horace E. Durgin and Fred P. Stanton.

11th. To see if the Town will vote to build a sidewalk on the easterly side of Arbor Street from the land of Charles L. Webber to the northern end of the present guard railing, a distance of about fifteen rods, as per petition of George E. Perkins and others.

12th. To see if the Town will vote to grant the firemen the use of the Town Hall one night in every year for their annual ball, free of expense, as per petition of Horace E. Durgin and others.

13th. To see if the Town will vote to build a storage cistern at or near the junction of Cherry and Cedar Streets for fire purposes, or act anything thereon, as per petition of the Fire Wardens.

14th. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a set of runners for use on the road machine, as per petition of P. H. Kavanagh.

15th. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the Finance and Advisory Committee, or act anything thereon, as per petition of George V. Bowden and twenty-eight others.

16th. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract for additional street lights, or act anything thereon.

17th. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the purchase of shade trees, to be set out under the direction of the Tree Warden, or act anything thereon.

18th. To see if the Town will vote to take any further action in regard to building the new school house at the center, raising or appropriating money for the same, or act anything thereon. (Referred from special Town meeting held Aug. 13, 1903.)

19th. To see if the Town will vote to macadamize Cedar Street from the end of the present piece of macadam at the causeway to the junction of Cedar and Cherry Streets, or act anything thereon, as per petition of S. M. Hill and others.

20th. To see if the Town will vote to sprinkle any of the streets, purchase a street watering cart for the purpose, raise and appropriate money for the same, or act anything thereon, as per petition of George E. Norris and others.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town House, one at the Post Office, one at each of the two meeting houses, one at the chapel at Mapleville, and one at the eastern part of the Town near the residence of John K. Dodge, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 19th day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and four.

HERBERT W. PORTER,
NATH'L P. PERKINS,
OTIS D. BREWER,
} Selectmen of Wenham

Finance and Advisory Committee

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

The year 1903, with its unusual number of town meetings, brought many duties to the Finance and Advisory Committee, all of which it sought to discharge to the best of its ability and with a purpose to serve the whole town. The result of its labors appeared in reports and recommendations upon which citizens acted during the year.

The committee is happy to state that the earlier closing of the town's fiscal year enables it to consider the annual appropriations and other financial topics more deliberately than it could heretofore do, and it hopes the future will show to the advantage of the town.

The committee is again pleased to say that its duties entailed no expense to the town during the year, the clerk, who is entitled to receive compensation, willingly serving without pay and incidental expenses being privately met.

For some reason citizens, in instances, seem not as yet to have fully understood the purpose of this committee and the nature of its duties.

The Finance and Advisory Committee is to the town meeting what a legislative committee is to a general legislative body. Its function is to investigate and study all matters in town meeting warrants involving an expenditure of public money and to report the essential facts to the town meeting as an aid to citizens in understanding the subjects. It furthermore, like other legislative committees, recommends what action should, in its judgment, be taken upon measures, leaving it to the town to determine what shall be done. The committee, as such, never advocates or seeks to defeat any measure, but members, as citizens, may speak for or against a measure according to their

individual right or preference. Incidentally the committee is designed to render another service by seeking to promote a wise economy in public expenditure and to encourage a reasonable and conservative policy of public improvements, to the end that town affairs may be conducted progressively and without extravagance.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of the Committee,

OSCAR HOSMER, Chairman,
FRED P. STANTON, Clerk.

Wenham, Feb. 10.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommend the following appropriations for the fiscal year 1904:

School Department	$3,770 00
Highway Repairs	1,500 00
Extra Highway Work	1,000 00
Fire Department	300 00
Poor Department	600 00
Soldiers' Relief	450 00
Town Library	200 00
Street Lights	800 00
Cemetery Department	250 00
Tree Warden's Department	125 00
Interest	175 00
Town Incidentals	2,200 00
	$11,370 00

FRED P. STANTON,

Clerk Finance and Advisory Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1903

BEVERLY, MASS.
THE CITIZEN PRINTING COMPANY
1904

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Wenham:

The School Committee herewith submit their annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903. The work of the year has been successful and progressive, and the schools are certainly in better condition and are doing better work than a year ago. The development of the educational work of the town is partly to be seen in the increased appropriations and expenditures, all of which have been rendered because of greater needs. The following is a brief financial summary of the school year just closed:

RECEIPTS

Town appropriations:	
Teaching,	$ 1,450.00
Music,	125.00
High School tuition,	650.00
High School transportation,	200.00
Fuel and janitor service,	250.00
Supplies and incidentals,	350.00
Repairs,	100.00
Special repairs and furniture,	600.00
	$ 3,725.00
From State Board of Charity for tuition,	$ 68.50
From City of Boston for tuition,	34.00
State allowance for Superintendent,	250.00
	$ 4,077.50

EXPENDITURES

Paid for teaching including music,	$ 1,930.50
" High-school tuition City of Salem,	575.00
" Beverly,	150.00
High school transportation,	237.10
Wenham transportation,	90.00
Fuel and janitor service,	248.87
Supplies and incidentals,	391.37
Repairs and furniture,	558.38
Superintendent's salary,	310.00
	$ 4,491.22

Making an overdraft of $413.72 which is accounted for by not receiving the State School Fund and Dog Tax. These are not received until after the first of January.

As the work of the year went forward it was found that some appropriations were not large enough, and some others were larger than necessity demanded. For instance, there was a much larger number of high school pupils than was expected. Of course such facts cannot be accurately foreseen, and the receipts as a whole were used where needed; except that all state funds were expended for teachers' salaries.

While the expenditures of the year have been larger than usual it is believed that the tax-payers of the town are glad to have the efficiency of the schools increased, and this has certainly been the case. However, the money appropriated for the schools has been expended with strict economy. Much care has been used in making purchases and contracts, and in a number of instances concessions in prices have been secured.

On the questions of a new school building at the centre of the town and the consolidation of the schools, the Committee make the same recommendations as were made last year. Only a four roomed building should be even considered, and that should be built this present year. The matter of consolidation will care for itself.

The Committee have no wish or purpose to impose upon the people of Wenham any educational system which they do not want. But as modern methods become better understood by all of the people of our town the consolidation of the schools will naturally result. Most of the objections which have been raised are local rather than essential, and the Committee believe that it is only a question of time until the consolidation of the schools in one graded central school will not only be permitted but demanded by all sections of the town.

The report of the Superintendent and the school statistics and calendar are appended herewith. The Committee wish to call especial attention to the Superintendent's report of the condition and work of our schools. Then it will be seen that the year's work has been one of steady progress, due very largely to the wise and forceful administration of Mr. Thomson himself. The em-

ployment of a Superintendent has brought in a new and significant period in the history of the Wenham school system.

The faithful work of our teachers should receive the grateful appreciation of all our people. The service which they render to the mental and moral life of the town is one which can not be entirely paid for.

The Committee recommend the appropriation of the following amounts for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904:

Teaching and Music,	$1,400.00
Supplies and Incidentals,	350.00
Fuel and Janitor service,	250.00
High School Tuition,	1,100.00
High School Transportation,	315.00
Wenham Transportation,	130.00
Repairs,	100.00
Outstanding Bills,	125.00

Respectfully submitted,

MORRIS H. TURK,
GEORGE V. BOWDEN,
ELBRIDGE PORTER,
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Committee of the Town of Wenham:

Gentlemen: To you and to the citizens of the town of Wenham I respectfully submit my second annual communication relating to the public schools of the town. My effort will be to state as briefly as possible what has transpired in our schools since my last report and to suggest improvements which seem to me wise in our school work and accommodations.

There is a deal of discussion over how and where children shall be educated; but all agree in the conclusion that the education is of prime importance. This exchange of opinion is healthy, it causes us all to think, and makes us more considerate of the opinions of others. When a man has an opinion and honestly believes that the carrying out of his ideas is for the best interest of the community, we respect him although we may believe him to hold mistaken views. My experience here has convinced me that the people of the town of Wenham desire their schools to be as good as in any town in the State and are willing to provide the means when the question of how and where can be settled. Let us hope that these questions may be quickly decided and better school facilities provided.

It does not seem necessary for me to reiterate what I wrote last year in regard to the condition of the buildings at the Center and the demand for new school accommodations there.

As for the question of consolidation, the wise plan to my mind, is to build a four room building at the Center; then to close the West school and transport the children to the Center. The West school is quite small, numbering only fifteen pupils. The two schools on the Neck should be consolidated during the fall and spring terms, the East school being opened during the winter term. This could be done with very little loss to the East school children as the work of the two schools could be kept along parallel lines. The upper grades of the Neck school should

be transported to the Center. We can much more satisfactorily fit pupils for the High School when they are all in one class under a teacher who is better equipped for the work of the grammar grades than can generally be secured in a teacher of the district schools.

It gives me pleasure to report a year of as marked progress as has been made in our schools since my last report. The new adjustable furniture provided for the West, Neck, and Center Primary buildings, has been a great comfort and benefit to the children of those schools. The Neck building has been much improved by a new floor and new chimney. The blackboards of all the buildings have been renewed by covering them with slate–paper. The schools have been provided with globes and maps, which are making the study of geography much more vivid and definite.

The East school was so small, numbering only six puples, that it was closed for the fall term and the children were transported to the Neck School. The competition with the children of the Neck school has had a tendency to spur these children to better work than when by themselves. Lately there has been an increase in the number of children in the East School district and the school has been opened during the cold weather. The children of the eighth grade of the Neck School are being transported to the Center and combined with the eighth grade there. This has been a great relief to the teacher in the Neck School. The class preparing for the High School formerly took much of the teacher's time which needed to be devoted to the other grades. By combining the eighth grades of the different schools into one the teaching force is economized and the competition in the larger class is an incentive to the pupils.

It may be well to call to mind some of the ends sought by public school instruction which are dependent only to a limited degree upon the subjects taught; ends that are even more important than the ability to read, write and cipher. We mistake the aim and purpose of school when we think of any process of educational cramming. Education is not in any sense to be reckoned with upon a quantitive basis. The basis of the measure of educational attainment is changing from estimating how much a pupil knows to valuing how much he can do; changing from seeing the

number of pages of history or geography a pupil can recite, to finding the amount of power the child has of interpreting the facts studied and the ability to study. It is the power to do, to act and to concentrate the mind which will tell more in making or marring the future of the boy than will his ability to parse correctly all the adjectives and adverbs in the grammar. Schools should develop pupils' ability to center the attention upon work in hand and to dig deep in the fields of unmastered knowledge. The teacher who has the gift to inspire with ambition, to arouse a passion for knowledge, combined with an influence upon the moral development of her pupils, is a great factor in moulding character. A pupil may be led by a good teacher to live up to a high moral and ethical code, while a poor teacher may destroy the moral building up of years. The town's money cannot be better invested than in paying salaries sufficient to secure well qualified and equipped teachers to teach the public schools. A few more dollars to secure a magnetic teacher amounts to very little on the tax rate, but to good untold in the lives of the children who become subject to her influence.

CHANGE OF TEACHERS

Miss Bertha Hatch, who had enjoyed such unqualified success at the Neck School resigned just before the close of school last spring to take a position in Rockport. Although inducement was offered to Miss Hatch to stay, as the school at Rockport had fewer grades and more salary she decided to go. Miss Florence Dodge of the East School was transferred to the Neck School. Miss Helen Story has just been appointed to the East School. Miss Rose A. Manning, who had served in the West School most faithfully for several years resigned during the summer to take a position in Beverly. Miss Julia Brine, a graduate of the Hyannis Normal School, was elected to the position. Mrs. Grace Gould of the Center Grammar School, who was out on a leave of absence last winter term was unable to return last spring and Miss Mae Clark of Ipswich supplied during the spring term. Miss Mary E. Stuart, a normal and college graduate and a teacher of experience, was elected to the position.

DRAWING

Drawing is an art which teaches children to see and love the beautiful things of life and to cultivate the power of finding the fine and noble in the common place or ugly things about them, thereby directing their thought toward a fuller life. Drawing is also the underlying principle of many useful occupations; it is the starting point of mechanical, civil and electrical engineering as it is likewise of architecture. In a town where many young men and women are seeking entrance into these industries it seems unwise to neglect providing them with an opportunity for gaining in our public schools a start in these fields of usefulness. We ought to have a teacher of drawing who should come to the town one day in every two weeks in order to systematize and supervise the work in drawing.

We are glad to have the people of the town visit the schools, as it encourages both pupils and teachers to have parents take an interest in the work done in school and call frequently at the schools.

Whatever success has come to our schools during the last year is unquestionably due to the intelligence and faithfulness of our teachers. I wish to express my thanks to them for their cordial co-operation.

To the School Committee I am grateful for the unqualified support which they have given me. At this time I desire to acknowledge the benefit which the schools derived from the able mind and forcible personality of Dr. Morris H. Turk, Chairman of the School Committee, whose removal from town has severed his connection with the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW S. THOMSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

ROLL OF HONOR

Pupils who have not been absent during the year 1902-1903. The figure after the name indicates the number of terms the pupil has not been absent.

Center Primary

Alfred Elmore 3
Robert Jones 1
George Landers 1
Evelyn Lyford 2
Katie O'Connor 3
Elizabeth Perkins 2
Millard Perkins 1
Blanche Stanton 1
Norman Tarr 1
Raymond Trott 2
Bradford Trowt 1
Freda Trowt 1
Marion Wheeler 1
Addie Whiting 1
Alonzo Whiting 1
Ida Whiting 1

Center Grammar

Edward Sargent 3
Helen Tarr 3
Ruth Perkins 2
Mildred Perkins 2
Fred Underhill 1
Richard Gould 1
Helen Patch 1
Grace Perkins 1
Louise Patch 1
Carrie Stanton 1
Walter Sargent 1
Malvina Stanton 1

Neck School

Mildred Cole 1
Ruth Cole 1
Dorothy Kilham 1
Elizabeth Pembroke 1
Nelson Powers 1
Francis Lovett 1
Leslie Lovett 1
Louis Lovett 1
Roger Lovett 1

West School

Roscoe B. Batchelder 2
Curtland C. Brown 1
Arthur Foulser 3
Clarence S. Nelson 1
Herbert J. Nelson 1
Myron A. Perkins 1
Porter J. Perkins 1
Bertha M. Randall 1

East School

Ann Williams 3

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1904

March 11.	All schools close for Spring vacation.
March 21.	All schools open for Spring term.
June 17.	All schools close for Summer vacation.
September 6.	All schools open for Fall term.
November 18.	All schools close for Thanksgiving vacation.
	Eleven weeks.
November 28.	All schools open for Winter term.
December 23.	All schools close for Christmas vacation.

1905

January 2.	All schools open.
March 10.	All schools close for Spring vacation.
	Fourteen weeks.
March 20.	All schools open for Spring term.
June 16.	All schools close for Summer vacation.
	Thirteen weeks.

CENSUS REPORT

Boys between 5-15 years old	77
Girls " 5-15 " "	78
Total	155
Boys between 7-14 years old	56
Girls " 7-14 " "	57
Total	113

School attendance for 1902 and 1903	Months and days	No. enrolled	No. boys enrolled	No. girls enrolled	Average membership	Average attendance	Average per ct. attendance	No. over 15	No. under 5	No. between 5 and 15	No. between 7 and 14
Center Grammar School	9 m.	27	11	16	25	24	95	0	0	27	23
Neck School	9 m. 5 d.	34	17	17	24	23	89	0	0	34	20
West School	9 m. 5 d.	25	15	10	18	17	90	0	0	25	20
Center Primary School	9 m. 1 d.	46	27	19	41	37	91	0	0	46	33
East School	9 m. 5 d.	8	2	6	7	6.5	95	0	1	7	6
Total	9 m. 3 d.	140	72	68	115	108	92	0	1	139	102

TEACHERS, SCHOOLS, SALARIES, ETC.

Name	School	Grade	Salary	Where Educated
Center Grammar	Mary E. Stuart	V to VIII	$13.00	Normal and College
Center Primary	Susie Kelley	I to IV	11.25	Salem Normal School
Neck School	Florence E. Dodge	I to VII	10.00	High School
West School	Julia Brine	I to VII	10.00	Hyannis Normal School
East School	Helen Story	I to VII	7.00	Essex High School
Music Teacher	Mrs. Mary E. Robinson			

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM, MASS.,

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1903

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

To the Citizens of Wenham:

The Trustees of the Public Library present the following report for the year ending December 31, 1903, this being the nineteenth annual report submitted since the Library has been conducted as a free institution by the town.

The following persons have served as the Board of Trustees for the past year:

Morris H. Turk,	present term	expires	March,	1904
Benjamin H. Conant,	"	"	"	1905
Henry A. Moulton,	"	"	"	1906

The organization of the Board remains the same as the previous year. Henry A. Moulton Chairman, and Benj. H. Conant, Secretary and Librarian.

On account of removal from town, Rev. Dr. Turk resigned his position on the Board, to take effect Dec. 31, 1903. As the time of holding the annual town meeting, when his term would have expired was so near at hand, it was not deemed necessary to fill the vacancy until the regular time.

During the two years which Dr. Turk has served as trustee he has always kept the best interests of the Library in view, and has in various ways endeavored to increase its efficiency.

In general, the work of the Library has gone on in its accustomed manner, having been open to the public every Wednesday afternoon and evening throughout the year, and the various branch deliveries continued as heretofore.

New books have been added at intervals during the year which as a rule appear to have given general satisfaction. Some use of the Library has been made by the public schools of the town for supplementary reading, etc. More especially, the young people attending the higher schools out of town have made frequent applications for information in connection with their studies.

In all these cases the Librarian has endeavored to give such assistance as he could both from the Library and by the use of his own books.

We have been gratified to note a disposition on the part of a few of our young readers to call for books of an instructive character. Master Everett Knowlton, of the Centre Grammar School has the banner record in this respect. During the year he has borrowed from the Library twenty-three books, chiefly relating to natural history, and all of them from the non-fiction departments. We feel confident that he is deriving real benefit from his intelligent use of the Library.

We fear there is too much of an inclination on the part of readers, both old and young, to regard the Library merely as a source of entertainment and amusement, and to practically ignore the educational advantages which it affords. Visitors at the Library have frequently expressed their surprise at the large number of books of an instructive character to be found there, and it is sometimes rather discouraging that our efforts to maintain and increase its efficiency as an intellectual and educational institution should be apparently so lightly esteemed.

Among the books recently placed upon the shelves and which deserve a wide reading, are several dealing with the social and economic problems of the day, such as "The Plain Truth as to the Trusts and the Tariff" by Geo. L. Bolen; "Getting a Living," by the same author, and "The Social Unrest," by John G. Brooks. These and others of like character to be found in the Library, are books which might be read with profit by every thoughtful citizen. They are especially recommended to the men of the town, particularly the young men who are just starting out on their life work. Undoubtedly if these vital questions were more clearly understood, many of the difficulties between labor and capital with the consequent losses to all concerned might be avoided.

To aid in bringing about a better condition of things in this respect we consider an important part of the work of the Library.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

The gifts received during the year have been both numerous and valuable. A collection of thirty-eight volumes from Mrs.

Elizabeth R. Horton of Boston, contained among others, Chambers' Cyclopedia in ten volumes, and Wood's Natural History in five large volumes. Alden P. White, Esq., of Salem presented Appleton's Library of Valuable Information in twenty-five volumes. One book of especial interest presented by the National Sound Money League is Hepburn's History of Coinage and Currency in the U. S. and the Contest for Sound Money. Miss Elizabeth Porter Gould of Boston has continued the Essex Antiquarian for another year. Miss Gould has sent this magazine from its commencement in 1897, so that we have a complete set to date of the valuable publication. Other magazines have been received from Messrs. Simeon Dodge, Charles F. Elliott and Andrew D. Trowt, Miss Cordelia F. Frost, Mrs. Amos Gould, Mrs. George W. Patch, Mrs. George H. Perkins and Mrs. M. H. Turk. These magazines we consider a desirable acquisition to the Library, as they contain much matter of permanent value, which as time goes on will be found very useful for reference work. Further donations of these are earnestly solicited, as we are desirous of making our files as complete as possible.

Many other persons have contributed in various ways to the building up of our Library, to each and all of whom thanks are due.

CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY

Another year has passed without the loss of any books, except one volume which has been paid for by the person to whom it was charged, and which will be replaced by a new copy of the same. In the Fiction Department, especially among the juveniles, are many books which are in a very dilapidated condition. A few of these have been rebound, and many more repaired by the Librarian. Others are too far gone to be continued in circulation. Most of these last mentioned are among the least valuable books in the Library, and will probably be permanently withdrawn, while a few of the more desirable ones might be replaced by new copies. This, however, would probably so reduce our available funds for the purchase of new books as to cause unfavorable criticism. If the readers, young and old, could be induced to use a little more judgment and care in their use of the books, it

would be greatly to the advantage of the Library both financially and esthetically. Doubtless a great majority of the readers would prefer to receive their books in a nice clean condition, yet they seem to forget that it depends chiefly upon themselves to keep them so.

NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY

We have been considerably hampered in our work during the past year by the crowded condition of the Library room. The shelf-room is now entirely taken up, making it necessary oftentimes to pile books on top of each other, a practice liable to result in more or less damage to the books. It is certainly hoped that some action may be taken at the coming town meeting whereby the present conditions may be relieved.

Another need which will soon appear is the preparation of a new general catalogue, the supply of the catalogue of 1893 being nearly exhausted. This, however, we hope will not become unnecessary until additional room has been acquired, as a considerable change in the classification and arrangement of the books is contemplated.

The trustees have also under consideration a revision of the regulations governing the use of the Library.

INSURANCE OF THE LIBRARY

At the last annual town meeting the trustees were instructed to have the Library insured against loss by fire, the necessary expense to be charged to the account of town incidentals. This matter has been attended to, though it was deferred until so late in the season that the transaction may not appear in the Selectmen's report for the present year. The Library has been insured though the agency of Mr. W. F. Trowt in the Holyoke Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Salem, for the sum of one thousand dollars, for three years beginning Jan. 21, 1904.

STATISTICS OF THE LIBRARY

For the Year 1903

CIRCULATION

Days on which the Library has been open for exchange of books (afternoon and evening,)	52
Volumes lent at Central Library,	2,882
" " East Wenham Branch,	320
" " West Wenham Branch,	402
" " Wenham Neck Branch,	817
Total number of volumes lent,	4,421
Volumes renewed,	366
Average weekly delivery,	85
Largest " " Feb. 25,	152
Smallest " " Dec. 9,	36
Volumes lost and paid for,	1
" damaged and paid for,	2
Number of different individuals who have taken books during the year,	290
(As follows:—Central Library, 186; E. Wenham Branch, 26; W. Wenham Branch, 25; Wenham Neck Branch, 53.)	
New names added: Central, 40; E. Wenham, 3; W. Wenham, 5; Wenham Neck, 8; Total,	56
Whole number of different individuals who have taken books since the adoption of the present system of administration, (1893)	699

CLASSIFICATION AND USE

	Volumes catalogued Dec. 31, 1902	Volumes added 1903	Volumes catalogued Dec. 31, 1903	Volumes lent at Central Library	Volumes lent at East Wenham Branch	Volumes lent at West Wenham Branch	Volumes lent at Wenham Neck Branch	Whole number of Volumes lent
History	401	8	409	94	10	11	23	138
Biography	299	10	309	80	12	10	27	129
Travel	249	8	257	115	17	26	11	169
Science	176	39	215	99	2	9	17	127
Poetry	53	0	53	24	0	1	0	25
Religion	95	3	98	18	0	0	13	31
Miscellaneous	406	47	453	177	2	26	44	249
Total Non-Fiction	1679	115	1794	607	43	83	135	868
Fiction	1588	77	1665	2275	277	319	682	3553
Total including Fiction	3267	192	3459	2882	320	402	817	4421

PER CENT. OF CIRCULATION

At Central Library, Non-Fiction	21.06
" " Fiction	78.94
	100.00
At East Wenham Branch, Non-Fiction	13.44
" " " Fiction	86.56
	100.00
At West Wenham Branch, Non-Fiction	20.64
" " " Fiction	79.36
	100.00
At Wenham Neck Branch, Non-Fiction	16.52
" " " Fiction	83.48
	100.00
For the whole Library, Non-Fiction	19.63
" " " " Fiction	80.37
	100.00

ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY

	Catalogued	Not Catalogued	Total
Volumes added during the year			
By purchase,	122	11	133
By gift,	41	91	132
By magazines bound,	29	0	29
Whole number of volumes added	192	102	294
Volumes in Library Dec. 31, 1902,	3267	943	4210
" " Dec. 31, 1903,	3459	1045	4504
Pamphlets in Library Dec. 31, 1902,			934
" added by gift,			79
" in Library Dec. 31, 1903,			1013

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Periodicals Etc.
Beverly (Mass.) Citizen, Publishers			1 Sub.
Beverly (Mass.) Public Library,		1	
Boston (Mass.) Public Library,		1	
Chicago, University of		1	
Dodd, Mead & Co., New York,	1		

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Periodicals, Etc.
Dodge, Miss E. P., Danvers,		2	
Dodge, Richard E., New York,			1 number
Dodge, Simeon, Wenham,			59 numbers
Elliott, Charles F., Wenham,			36 "
Farquhar, David, Cambridge,	1		
Fenton, Miss Emma L., Wenham,	2		
Fillebrown, C. B., Boston,		1	
Frost, Miss Cordelia F., Wenham,			97 numbers
Gardner, Hon. A. P., Washington, D. C.,	5		Cong. Record
Gould, Miss E. P., Boston,		1	4 numbers
Gould, Mrs. Amos, Wenham,			12 "
Hamilton (Mass.) Public Library,		2	
Harper & Brothers, New York,	1		
Horton, Mrs. E. R., Boston,	38		
Lake Mohonk Arbitration Conference,		1	
Lewis, G. W., Melrose,	1		
Lowell (Mass.) Textile School,		1	
Lytle, John J., Philadelphia, Pa.,		1	
Massachusetts Public Documents, Board			
of Agriculture, (Per N. P. Perkins)	1		
Hatch Experiment Station, Amherst,		9	
Sec'y of the Commonwealth,	46	2	
Soldiers' Home, Chelsea,		1	
State Board of Charity,		1	
Trustees Public Reservations,		1	
Marblehead (Mass.) Public Library,		3	
Merrill, Mrs. Sarah M., Wenham,	5		
Moulton, Henry A., Wenham,	8	5	Papers
National Sound Money League, N. Y.,	1		
Palo Alto (Cal.) Board of Trade,			Papers
Patch, Mrs. George W., Wenham,			23 numbers
Perkins, Mrs. George H., Wenham,			24 "
Pool, Wellington, Wenham,	1	3	Papers
Rhode Island College of Agriculture,		1	
Salem (Mass.) Public Library,		2	
Salem (Mass.) Water Board,		1	
Topsfield (Mass.) Public Library,		1	
Trowt, Andrew D., Wenham,		2	4 numbers
Turk, Rev. Morris H., Wenham,	1		
Turk, Mrs. Morris H., Wenham,			23 numbers
United States Government Publications			
Agriculture, Dept. of		8	
American Republics, Bureau of			12 numbers
Commerce and Labor, Dept. of		2	5 "

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Periodicals, Etc.
Congress, Library of	2	11	
Education, Commissioner of	3	9	
Foreign Commerce, Bureau of		6	7 numbers
Interstate Commerce Commission,	1		
Naval War Records,	3		
Smithsonian Institution,	2		
Wenham, Town of		1	
White, Alden P., Salem,	28		
	151	81	
Duplicates, not included in accession table,	19	2	
Gifts to the Library, not including duplicates,	132	79	

In addition to the above list a quantity of miscellaneous matter has been received from Messrs. W. P. Conant, W. Pool and others, which has not been classified.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1903

Unexpended balance with Town Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1902,	$ 63 74
Town appropriation, March, 1903,	250 00
Receipts from fines, sale of cards and catalogues,	10 25
Received for damage to books,	50
" " book lost,	1 00
	$325 49

EXPENDITURES

For Library service		
Benjamin H. Conant, Librarian, 1 year,	$50 00	
Henry A. Moulton, services, 43 evenings,	12 90	
A. Gertrude Whitney, " 35 "	7 00	
Addison Williams, East Branch, June 1, 1902, to Dec. 31, 1903,	15 83	
George V. Bowden, West Branch, Sept. 1, 1902 to Dec. 31, 1903,	13 33	
H. Adeline Wilkins, Neck Branch, 1 year to Sept. 30, 1903,	10 00	
		$109 06

For Books			
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, Salem,	25 vols.,	$25 41	
DeWolfe, Fisk & Co., Boston,	55 "	53 35	
North River Bindery, New York,	31 "	4 50	
Benjamin H. Conant,	22 "	24 55	
	133 vols.		$107 81
Miscellaneous Items			
Walter S. Houghton, W. Lynn, magazines,		$18 20	
F. J. Barnard & Co., Boston, binding,		16 90	
Beverly Citizen Office, printing,		5 00	
American Express,		1 35	
Subscription to "Bookman,"		2 00	
" "Dial,"		2 00	
E. A. Mackintire, Salem, record book,		50	
Benj. H. Conant, postage and incidentals,		2 96	
			$48 91
Total expenditures,			$265 78
Unexpended balance with Town Treasurer Dec. 31, 1903,			$59 71
Dec. 31, 1903. Paid Horace E. Durgin, Town Treasurer, the amount received for fines, etc., during the year 1903,			11 75

EDWIN D. HAWKINS FUND

Amount of Mr. Hawkins' legacy, received 1897,	$125 00
Deposited in Beverly Savings Bank, Oct. 1897,	100 00
Balance appropriated for purchase of books,	$25 00
Accrued interest on deposit to Oct. 1903,	23 93
Expended for books (15 volumes) previous to Dec. 31, 1903,	23 55
Balance available Dec. 31, 1903,	$25 38

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. H. CONANT,
Sec'y of Trustees and Librarian,
Wenham Public Library.

Wenham, Mass., Feb. 5, 1903.

Town of Wenham

Annual Reports

1904

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

AND THE

REPORTS OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

Trustees of the Public Library

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1904

BEVERLY, MASS.
THE CITIZEN PRINTING COMPANY
1905

Town Officers for the Year 1904-1905

Moderator: Horace E. Durgin.

Town Clerk: Wellington Pool.

Selectmen: Herbert W. Porter, chairman; Nathaniel P. Perkins, clerk; Otis D. Brewer.

Assessors: Nathaniel P. Perkins, chairman; Otis D. Brewer, clerk; Herbert W. Porter.

Overseers of the Poor: Nathaniel P. Perkins, chairman; Otis D. Brewer, clerk; Herbert W. Porter.

Fence Viewers: Herbert W. Porter, Nathaniel P. Perkins, Otis D. Brewer.

Town Treasurer: Horace E. Durgin.

Collector of Taxes: Fred P. Stanton.

School Committee: George V. Bowden, chairman, 1906; Elbridge Porter, secretary, 1907; Fred P. Stanton, 1905, to fill vacancy.

Constables: Henry P. Brewer, George V. Bowden, John R. Sargent.

Special Police: Henry P. Brewer, chief; George V. Bowden, John R. Sargent.

Trustees of the Public Library: Henry A. Moulton, chairman, 1906; Benjamin H. Conant, secretary and librarian, 1905; Alice Gertrude Whitney, 1907.

Board of Health: Fred P. Stanton, chairman, 1905; Henry Alley, secretary, 1907; John R. Sargent, 1906.

Commissioners of Public Cemetery: Warren Jones, chairman, 1906; Frank H. Tarr, clerk, 1905; Daniel A. Homan, 1905, (appointed to fill a vacancy.)

Surveyors of Highways: Ward 1, Addison Williams; ward 2, Samuel M. Hill; ward 3, James L. Cole; ward 4, Arthur M. Harrigan; ward 5, Frank H. Tarr; ward 6, Thomas M. Barnes; ward 7, James F. Crockett; ward 8, James S. Brown; ward 9, Charles W. Perkins.

Tree Warden: Arthur M. Harrigan.

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark: John K. Dodge, Arthur D. Prince, Herbert W. Porter, James H. Perkins.

Sealer of Weights and Measurers: James H. Perkins.

Field Drivers: Arthur M. Harrigan, William F. Homan.

Town Weighers: William F. Trowt, John K. Dodge, William P. Dodge.

Firewards and Forest Firewards: Horace E. Durgin, chief; Frank H. Tarr, clerk; Levi S. Lord, Fred P. Stanton, Simeon Dodge, Daniel A. Homan, Addison Williams, Chester S. Cook, Edward F. Stanley.

Inspector of Animals: Henry Alley.

Keeper of Lockup and Tramps: John C. Richards.

Finance and Advisory Committee: The Selectmen (ex-officio;) Fred P. Stanton, clerk, 1905; Chester S. Cook, 1905; Jeremiah Kavanagh, 1906; Sargent M. Knowlton, 1906; Samuel M. Hill, 1907; Arthur D. Prince, 1907.

Nominating Committee: Six at Large and one for each Highway ward.

At Large: Horace E. Durgin, chairman; Charles F. Elliott, Samuel M. Hill, Clarence E. Kimball, Henry A. Moulton, Addison Williams.

By Wards: Ward 1, Henry D. Stillman; ward 2, Austin L. Norcross; ward 3, Arthur D. Prince, secretary; ward 4, William P. Dodge; ward 5, Frank H. Tarr; ward 6, Thomas M. Barnes; ward 7, George V. Bowden; ward 8, Charles H. Stanton; ward 9, John R. Sargent.

REPORT

Highways

WARD ONE

Paid	Addison Williams	$ 27 05	
	Henry D. Stillman	32 00	
	George W. Stillman	9 00	
	B. F. Hawkins	8 00	
	Winslow Day	22 75	
	George H. Wyatt	11 00	
	William H. Beck	8 00	
	J. W. Higgins	8 00	
	Timothy Higgins	8 00	
	Daniel W. Preston	14 00	
	B. F. Burchsted	8 00	
			$155 80

WARD TWO

Paid	Samuel M. Hill	$ 58 18	
	F. S. Lovett	11 55	
	Ephraim Power	8 00	
	Frank T. Johnson	8 00	
	Charles W. Perkins	10 00	
	Samuel K. Evans	10 00	
	J. K. Knowlton, gravel	7 70	
			$113 43

WARD THREE

Paid	Edward B. Cole	$ 86 50	
	Charles Wilkins	34 00	
	S. R. Prince Co., labor and gravel	31 51	
	Royden Young	3 96	
	John Morgan	16 87	
	Salem Water Board, gravel	6 30	
			$179 14

WARD FOUR

Paid	A. M. Harrigan	$ 45 50	
	Charles F. Dudley	2 00	
	Ira Haywood	8 00	
	Charles W. Perkins	25 00	
	Salem Water Board, gravel	10 00	
			$90 50

WARD FIVE

Paid	F. H. Tarr	$21 67	
	Warren Jones	2 44	
	George W. Jones	1 11	
	William T. Tucker	2 22	
	J. D. Barnes	1 30	
			$28 74

WARD SIX

Paid	Thomas M. Barnes	$44 11	
	Charles F. Dudley	6 45	
	A. Roy Bowden	5 78	
	F. H. Tarr	22 00	
	William T. Tucker	6 00	
	J. D. Barnes	2 40	
	F. A. Stanley	1 80	
			$88 54

WARD SEVEN

Paid	J. Frank Crockett	$83 72	
	J. W. L. Moulton	21 54	
	George V. Bowden	20 44	
	Charles M. Bixby	8 22	
	Joseph F. Kent	8 44	
	Walter S. Putnam	10 00	
	Perley N. Dodge	10 00	
	Sidney S. Cook	7 00	
	Otis Alley	6 44	
	George A. Perkins	5 00	
	George W. Peabody	7 00	
	M. Sullivan	5 00	
	A. H. Peabody	10 00	
	L. W. Batchelder	2 00	
			$204 80

WARD EIGHT

Paid J. Sumner Brown	$30	89	
Perley N. Dodge	11	67	
L. W. Batchelder	13	61	
Charles H. Stanton	12	00	
George W. Jones	7	78	
Edward L. Kimball	7	78	
Charles E. Kimball	3	11	
J. Sumner Brown, gravel	13	70	
			$100 54

WARD NINE

Paid Charles W. Perkins	$112	90	
John Williams	14	00	
Charles F. Dudley	10	00	
Charles W. Perkins, balance from 1903	27	50	
C. S. Gwinn, drain pipe	18	20	
			$182 60

SIDEWALKS WARD FIVE

Paid F. H. Tarr	$25	11	
D. A. Homan	8	00	
George W. Jones	6	00	
Warren Jones	4	00	
Charles F. Dudley	4	00	
Thomas M. Barnes	15	00	
William T. Tucker	4	55	
Eben P. Stanley	2	00	
Roy Stanley	2	00	
F. A. Stanley	3	60	
			$74 26

Total Highway repairs	$1,218 35

Note—About $75.00 has been spent in repairing the sidewalks in Wards 4, 6 and 9, but as the work was done in connection with the work upon the highway it was found difficult to keep the accounts separate and the cost has been carried into the amount charged to highway repairs.

State Highway (1903)

Paid	J. D. Barnes, gravel	$28 08	
	Thomas Barnes, use of water cart	13 00	
	Barbour, Stockwell Co., castings	3 75	
	C. W. Perkins, gravel	6 05	
	C. S. Gwinn, pipe and cement	14 00	
			$66 88

Snow Department

WARD ONE

Paid	Addison Williams	$ 8 50	
	Henry D. Stillman	10 00	
	George W. Stillman	2 40	
	John Hart	1 65	
	William Beck	1 65	
	Benjamin Burchstead	80	
			$ 25 00

WARD TWO

Paid	S. M. Hill	$ 36 80	
	Thomas Barnes	3 33	
	Roland Dudley	4 00	
	Charles Trefry	4 00	
	Samuel K. Evans	2 00	
	George Landers	88	
	F. S. Lovett	21 36	
	O. P. Thompson	1 65	
	E. A. Hearn	6 60	
	F. T. Johnson	19 27	
			$ 97 89

WARD THREE

Paid	S. R. Prince Co.	$ 54 25	
	John Morgan	14 71	
	Austin Corning	18 59	
	E. B. Cole	34 43	
	Charles Wilkins	10 56	
	Horace P. Dodge	3 74	

Paid Royden Young	$ 16 94		
Charles Morgan	13 82		
Alonzo Young	23 10		
E. Cahill	2 97		
	———		$193 11

WARD FOUR

Paid A. M. Harrigan	$ 101 00		
Charles Dudley	5 00		
S. K. Evans	1 00		
William Abbott	2 00		
J. Williams	13 00		
C. W. Perkins	6 00		
C. Webber	2 00		
William Tucker	2 00		
Charles Trefry	4 00		
F. S. Lovett	5 00		
F. T. Johnson	2 00		
T. M. Barnes	3 00		
B. F. Jones	3 00		
R. Dudley	1 00		
C. H. Abbott	11 00		
	———		$161 00

WARD FIVE

Paid C. W. Bagley	$ 34 66		
F. H. Tarr	93 61		
S. K. Evans	13 11		
D. A. Homan	13 79		
C. E. Woodman	10 45		
W. F. Tucker	22 22		
T. M. Barnes	33 56		
S. M. Hill	7 79		
T. W. Batchelder	9 66		
E. P. Standley	6 68		
R. Standley	16 02		
L. Beadel	3 78		
R. Gray	2 09		
C. F. Dudley	7 45		
H. Addison	6 11		
C. Trefry	6 00		
A. R. Bowden	6 89		
W. I. Cummings	1 78		
C. R. Dudley	6 00		
E. Porter	1 11		
E. N. Standley	2 57		
	———		$305 33

WARD SIX

Paid	S. M. Knowlton	$ 29 41	
	Eben Standley	10 67	
	H. M. Knowlton	14 83	
	Chas. M. Bixby	6 17	
	W. Jones	9 02	
	T. Lyford	5 01	
	Roy Standley	3 00	
	Everett Standley	5 78	
	J. M. Currier	40	
	R. G. Knowlton	1 57	
	F. S. Knowlton	1 45	
	C. B. Knowlton	1 95	
	Wm. Cox	57	
	T. M. Barnes	2 90	
			$ 92 73

WARD SEVEN

Paid	J. F. Crockett	$ 24 67	
	Geo. A. Perkins	22 37	
	W. S. Putnam	11 70	
	Sidney S. Cook	9 34	
	Chas. M. Bixby	1 56	
	J. Stanley Bell	4 22	
	Joseph T. Haskell	7 55	
	Thomas Wakefield	8 90	
	P. N. Dodge	10 00	
	Chas. W. Bixby	7 33	
	E. Wiggin	7 67	
	Geo. W. Peabody	3 55	
	Geo. V. Bowden	3 22	
	M. Sullivan	3 00	
	Otis Alley	2 11	
			$127 19

WARD EIGHT

Paid	J. S. Brown	$ 12 45	
	C. H. Stanton	4 88	
	John B. McCulloch	4 68	
	Luther W. Batchelder	2 22	
	B. Hammond Tracy	1 33	
			$ 25 56

WARD NINE

Paid Chas. L. Webber	$ 21	57	
Geo. E. Perkins	1	98	
J. R. Sargent		88	
Geo. Landers	3	41	
Chas. W. Perkins	24	41	
P. S. Cummings	7	70	
D. A. Homan	3	45	
Chas. Trefry		44	
			$ 63 84
Total snow expense			$1,091 65

Extra Highway Work

CEDAR STREET MACADAM

Paid Frank H. Tarr	$ 77	00
Daniel A. Homan	33	11
P. L. Cummings	36	29
Thomas M. Barnes	63	64
George W. Jones	38	00
Warren Jones	26	00
Charles F. Dudley	25	78
Patrick O'Connor	26	00
William T. Tucker	2	00
J. M. Currier		89
Chas. W. Perkins	24	00
Eben P. Stanley	15	11
Sam. M. Hill	46	59
Albert Jones	1	50
J. D. Barnes		80
Waltham Trap Rock Co., 413 tons broken stone	496	38
W. J. Channell, roller engineer	66	00
Hamblet & Hayes, roller repairs	5	94
Chas. S. Gwinn, drain pipe	13	12
John Girdler, coal for roller	22	50
John W. Goodhue, roller supplies	2	73
		$1023 38

Other Extra Highway Work

Paid Simeon Dodge, pumping water		$8 11
C. A. Lawrence, drain pipe		4 50
H. E. Durgin, repairs and supplies		3 25
Geo. W. Jones, labor		4 00
C. S. Gwinn, coal		1 00
		$ 20 86
Total		$1044 24

Arbor Street Sidewalk

Paid C. W. Perkins, am't of contract	$150 00

New Cistern Cherry Street

Paid Thomas M. Barnes, digging cistern	$ 35 00
T. E. McGlauflin, building cistern and catch basin	194 00
Barbour, Stockwell & Co., castings	9 00
W. A. Snow, "	3 30
Warren Jones, labor	1 34
William T. Tucker, labor	7 99
B. & M. R. R., freight	29
C. S. Gwinn, pipe	10 50
T. M. Barnes, labor and teaming	21 03
	$ 282 45

Tree Warden's Department

Paid T. C. Thurlow, trees	$ 61 50
G. W. Jones, one maple tree	2 00
A. M. Harrigan, 6 loads of loam	4 70
" " labor	71 00
Whitcomb Carter Co., pruning shears	2 50
Bowker Insecticide Co., Disparine	8 00
	$ 149 70

Street Lighting

Paid	Welsbach Street Lighting Co., as per contract	$1398 44

Fire Department

Paid	C. S. Gwinn, coal	$17 00
	Boston Woven Hose Co.	24 97
	William F. Homan, janitor	50 00
	Levi S. Lord, journeys and expenses	8 80
	Knight & Thomas, supplies	5 00
	Simeon Dodge, journeys and expenses	6 00
	A. R. Bowden, watching fires	67
	C. H. Homan, " "	89
	American Express Co., expressing	2 55
	Salary of Company, 25 members	50 00
	C. N. Perkins Co., repairs on extinguishers	2 00
	H. W. Porter, stock and labor on wash stand	53 40
	" " " " " ladder house	40 00
	F. H. Brooks, painting and setting glass	8 17
	F. H. Tarr, labor and teaming	3 00
	Sargent M. Knowlton, wood	3 00
	S. M. Howes Co., repairs on stove	1 35
	H. E. Durgin, labor and repairs	7 10
	John W. Girdler, coal	20 25
	J. H. Perkins, supplies	2 35
		$306 50

Poor Department

Mary Tuttle

Paid	Town of Peabody, aid furnished	$148 95	$148 95

Family of Harry Williams

Paid	Town of Hingham, aid furnished	$133 90	$133 90

Harriet Casson

Paid	City of Salem, hospital charges	$16 50	$16 50

Matilda Standley

Paid	Mrs. Harriet Folsom, board	$88 00	$88 00
			$387 35

Soldiers' Relief

Mrs. Thomas Clark		
Cash paid for her relief	$96 00	$96 00
Mrs. C. C. Soper		
Paid Joseph Kent, wood	$ 1 50	
Dr. H. K. Foster, medical attendance	56 00	
William T. Lee, medicine	42 70	
Town of Peabody, fuel	52 50	
Cash paid for support	24 00	
	———	$176 70
Annie M. Babcock		
City of Melrose, cash paid for her support	$196 73	$196 73
Joseph Addison		
Paid A. D. & W. F. Trowt, groceries furnished	$52 00	$52 00
Total Soldiers' Relief		$521 43

Town Officers

TOWN CLERK

Paid Wellington Pool, salary	$60 00	$60 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paid George V. Bowden, services 1903	$32 50	
" " " 1904	67 00	
Elbridge Porter, " 1903	35 50	
" " " 1904	25 00	
Fred P. Stanton " 1904	25 00	
	———	$185 00

MODERATOR

Paid Horace E. Durgin	$ 5 00	$ 5 00

TREASURER

Paid Horace E. Durgin, salary	$100 00	$100 00

AUDITOR

Paid James B. Pickett (1903)	$ 10 00	$ 10 00

ELECTION OFFICERS

Paid Harry B. Pulsifer, teller	$ 2 50	
Perley N. Dodge, "	2 50	
Benjamin F. Young, "	2 50	
Frank H. Tarr, 1903-4, "	5 00	
Henry A. Moulton, "	2 50	
J. Kavanaugh, ballot clerk	2 00	
Fred S. Knowlton, " "	2 00	
Herbert W. Porter, election officer	2 50	
Nathaniel P. Perkins, " "	2 50	
Otis D. Brewer " "	2 50	
	———	$26 50

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Paid James H. Perkins, services	$ 2 88	$ 2 88

SELECTMEN

Paid Herbert W. Porter, 28½ days' service	$ 70 25	
" " 8 journeys out of town and expenses	19 75	
" " use of team	3 75	
Nathaniel P. Perkins, 22 days' service	55 00	
" " distributing town reports	1 00	
" " journeys and expenses	1 50	
Otis D. Brewer, 19 days' service	47 50	
" " distributing town reports	2 00	
	———	$200 75

ASSESSORS

Paid Nathaniel P. Perkins, 16 days	$40 00	
" " copying valuation book	7 00	
" " journeys out of town and expense	12 00	
Otis D. Brewer, 12 days	30 00	
Herbert W. Porter, 5½ days	13 75	
" " 2 journeys to Salem	4 00	
" " use of team	3 00	
	———	$109 75

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Paid	Nathaniel P. Perkins, services	$10 00	
	Otis D. Brewer, "	5 00	
	Herbert W. Porter, "	5 00	
			$20 00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Paid	Nathaniel P. Perkins, six sessions	$7 50	
	Otis D. Brewer, seven sessions	8 75	
	Herbert W. Porter, five sessions	6 25	
	Wellington Pool, eight sessions	10 00	
			$32 50

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS

Paid	Henry Alley, inspector of Animals	$2500	
	" " " " Provisions	35 00	
			$60 00

POLICE

Paid	Henry P. Brewer, services	$69 26	
	Charles H. McQueeny "	14 00	
	John R. Sargent "	19 75	
	Geo. V. Bowden	12 30	
	B. F. Young, service as witness	10 62	
	W. S. Lee, stop watch	6 30	
	Newton Graphic Pub. Co., automobile register	1 20	
			$133 43

BOARD OF HEALTH

Paid	Simeon Dodge, services	$3 00	
	John R. Sargent	2 00	
	L. H. Wardwell, legal advice	5 00	
	City of Haverhill, expense of smallpox case	210 51	
			$220 51

Care of Park

Paid	W. Pool	$12 04

Runners for Road Machine

Paid	H. E. Durgin, amount of contract	$50 00

Town Hall Expenses

Paid C. S. Gwinn, coal	$87	75	
John Girdler, "	14	00	
E. H. Tarbell & Co., lamp	5	50	
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies	7	21	
William T. Tucker, care of yard	6	23	
Wellington Pool, care of hall	41	15	
P. L. Cummings, wood	10	00	
			$171 84

Poor Travelers

Paid John C. Richards, care	$50	00	
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies	3	65	
			$53 65

Total number of travelers cared for from Jan. 1, 1904 to Jan. 1, 1905, 220. The oldest was 66 years the youngest 18 years average ages 45 1-5 years, 203 were of Irish percentage, 16 American and 1 Canadian.

State Aid

Paid J. A. Addison	$54	00	
H. P. Brewer	72	00	
M. A. Burpee	48	00	
A. W. Dodge	5	00	
R. D. Johnson	20	00	
George W. Pierce	48	00	
E. K. Stanley	72	00	
Ed. F. Stanley	48	00	
Mary A. Stanley	48	00	
M. E. Woodman	48	00	
			$463 00

Military Aid

Paid B. F. Young	$144	00	
D. A. Homan	144	00	
B. F. Burchstead	84	00	
			$372 00

Town Incidentals

Paid	B. F. Young, returning deaths	$ 8 50
	W. F. Trowt, insurance on Library	32 00
	" " " " Parsonage	15 00
	" " " " Engine House	19 60
	F. H. Tarr, grading around Engine House	5 00
	Nominating Committee, paid for printing	2 26
	W. T. Tucker, labor on snow fence	3 11
	Lila D. Stott, abstracts of deeds, 2 years	24 35
	Citizen Printing Co., printing	78 10
	W. L. Maloon, "	1 35
	The Allen Print, "	20 00
	Alden P. White, legal advice	265 00
	F. H. Tarr, fertilizer for Park	2 50
	William F. Trowt, insurance on Town Hall	62 50
	Clerk of Court, copy of By-Laws	6 00
	J. Kavanagh, water for Town Hall	10 00
	Walter C. Addison, painting street signs	47 00
	W. T. Tucker, care of Allen cemetery lot	2 50
	" " " " funnel, tramp room	50
	B. H. Conant, " " town clock	20 00
	J. F. Pope, lumber for hay scales	55 50
	Robert Robertson Co., repairs on Town Hall and engine	9 07
	Carter Ink Co., record ink	75
	American Express Co., expressing	2 80
	Fairbanks Scale Co., repairs on hay scales	65 59
	B. & M. R. R., freight	29
	George W. Jones, labor on tank	88
	F. H. Tarr, " snow fence	89
	H. E. Durgin, 1 key	15
	Registry of Deeds, recording deeds and plans	3 90
	R. S. Robson, repairs on ballot box	7 50
	G. A. Addison, painting sign	75
	A. J. Porter, surveys and plans	46 00
	John W. Goodhue, nails for snow fence	40
	J. H. Perkins, Jr., telephones and sundries	4 63
	Wellington Pool, posting notices	1 25
	" " care of Park	11 36
	" " journeys out of town	6 75
	" " cash paid for express and supplies	13 83
	" " administering oaths as Justice of the Peace	5 25

Paid	Wenham Veteran Association, town appropriation	$ 75 00
	Barry, Beale & Co., stationery	2 50
	W. T. Tucker, care of Town Hall yard	7 33
	N. P. Perkins, cash paid for books and postage	4 15
	H. W. Porter, administering oaths as Justice of the Peace	1 50
	W. Pool, recording and returning vital statistics	15 10
		$ 968 49

Summary of Town Expenses

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

	Received	Expended	Balance
Town appropriation	$3,770 00		
From other sources	1,166 60		
	$4,936 60	$4,602 64	$333 96

FIRE DEPARTMENT

			Overdraft
Town appropriation	300 00	306 50	6 50

PUBLIC LIBRARY

			Balance
Town appropriation	200 00		
Balance from 1903	59 71		
Received from fines	9 27		
	268 98	249 10	19 88

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

			Overdraft
Town appropriation	450 00		
From Town of Merrimac	52 00		
	502 00	521 43	19 43

ARBOR STREET SIDEWALK

Town appropriation	150 00	150 00	

HIGHWAY REPAIRS

	Received	Expended	Balance
Town appropriation	1,500 00	1,218 35	281 65

EXTRA HIGHWAY WORK

Town appropriation	1,000 00		
State highway commission	152 70		
Street R. R. excise tax	509 77		
State highway work		66 88	
Cedar street macadam		1,023 38	
Other extra work		20 86	
	1,662 47	1,111 12	551 35

ROAD MACHINE RUNNERS

Town appropriation	50 00	50 00	

FIRE CISTERN

Town appropriation	300 00	282 45	17 55

TREE WARDEN'S DEPARTMENT

Town appropriation	125 00		
Appropriation for shade trees	50 00		
	175 00	149 70	25 30

STREET LIGHTS

Town appropriation	1020 00		
Balance from 1903	705 87		
	1725 87	1398 44	327 43

POOR DEPARTMENT

Town appropriation	600 00	387 35	212 65

CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS

Town appropriation	250 00	250 00	

INTEREST

	Received	Expended	Balance
Town appropriation	175 00		
Interest on Mary Perkins fund		30 00	
Interest on Allen fund		10 48	
		40 48	134 52

TOWN INCIDENTALS

Town appropriation	2200 00	
State aid reimbursed } Military aid " }	826 00	
From unexpended balances	1272 99	
Town Officers		812 38
Board of Health		220 51
Police		133 43
Removing snow		1091 65
Care of Town hall		171 84
Care of tramps		53 65
Care of Park		12 04
Military aid		372 00
State aid		463.00
Other incidental expenses		968 49
	$4298 99	$4298 99

Tax Collector's Report

F. P. Stanton Collector for 1900

Dr. to balance on tax list,	$ 101 52	
interest on taxes	75	
		$ 102 27
Cr. by payments to treasurer	9 22	
abatements on taxes		
uncollected taxes	93 05	
		$ 102 27

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1901

Dr. to balance on tax list	$ 84 09	
Interest on taxes	1 50	
		$ 85 59
Cr. by payments to treasurer	17 50	
abatements	2 00	
uncollected taxes	66 09	
		$ 85 59

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1902

Dr. to balance on tax list	$ 374 25	
interest on taxes	12 50	
		$ 386 75
Cr. by payments to treasurer	250 43	
by abatements	4 75	
uncollected taxes	131 57	
		$386 75

F. P. Stanton Collector for 1903

Dr. to balance on tax list	$ 2575 82	
interest on taxes	36 56	
		$ 2612 38
Cr. by payments to treasurer	2174 90	
abatements	8 00	
uncollected taxes	429 48	
		$ 2612 38

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1904

Dr. to tax list for 1904	$ 17,326 00	
additions to tax list	93 00	
interest on taxes	4 56	
Boston & Northern St. R. R., excise tax	509 77	
		$ 17,933 33
Cr. by payments to treasurer	13,047 95	
abatements	182 20	
discounts on taxes	53 67	
uncollected taxes	4649 51	
		$ 17,933 33

Treasurer's Report

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH H. E. DURGIN,

TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1904		$9,299 20
From the Commonwealth,	national bank tax	842 28
" "	corporation tax	1,600 88
" "	" " bal. 1903	503 94
" "	street railway tax	550 58
" "	state and military aid	826 00
" "	state highway	152 70
" "	state school superintendent	250 00
" "	state school fund	622 39
" "	education of children	14 00
City of Boston,	" "	90 50
" Salem, Longham taxes		98 44
Town of Hamilton, stone dust		41 80
" Merrimac, soldiers' relief		104 00
County dog tax		189 71
First district court		126 48
Trustee of George F. Dodge		170 31
Wellington Pool, rent of hall and piano		25 50
William F. Trowt, town weigher		11 59
Benjamin H. Conant, librarian, fines, etc.		9 27
James H. Perkins, Jr., druggists' licenses		1 00
For junk dealers' licenses		4 00
" sale of tree		1 50
" interest on deposits		53 82
" cemetery lots		128 00
From Fred P. Stanton, Collector, on account of taxes		15,500 00
		$31,217 89

PAYMENTS

State tax	$ 2,600 00
County tax	3,794 76
State of Mass., 1-4 druggist's licenses	25
" " national bank tax, bal. overpaid 1903	8 63
Repairs on state highway	55 85
New school house fund	3,000 00
Interest on Allen cemetery fund	10 48
" Mary Perkins fund	30 00
Cemetery commissioners	299 24
Selectmen's orders	14,726 07
Balance in treasury	6,692 61
	$31,217 89

New School House Fund

H. E. Durgin, Treasurer

RECEIPTS

Amount appropriated	$8,000 00	
Interest on same	147 38	
		$8,147 38

PAYMENTS

Parsonage lot	2,500 00
Balance in fund	$5,647 38

Financial Statement

LIABILITIES

Note due trustees of Mary Perkins fund	$3,000 00
Interest on the same to Jan. 1st, 1905	321 66
Note due trustees of Allen cemetery fund	475 00
Interest on the same to Jan. 1st, 1905	58 30
Amount due "Peters Hill" memorial appropriation	200 00
" " Cemetery Commissioners	151 26
Estimate of outstanding bills	2,000 00
	$6,206 22

RESOURCES

Due from state of Mass., state aid furnished	$ 463 00
" " " 1-2 of military aid furnished	186 00
" F. P. Stanton, tax collector for 1900	93 05
" " " " " 1901	66 09
" " " " " 1902	131 57
" " " " " 1903	429 48
" " " " " 1904	4,649 51
Balance in the treasury	6,692 61
	$12,711 31
Total liabilities	6,206 22
Balance in favor of the town	$6,505 09

EXPENDED FROM THE ALLEN FUND

Paid Warren Jones, cleaning out brush and briars	$ 5 68
William T. Tucker, lawn mowing Allen lot	3 00
S. R. Prince Co., Fertilizer	1 80
	$ 10 48

Assessors' Report

Number of assessed polls	255
Tax on each poll	$ 2 00
Value of assessed personal property	$ 1,051,400 00
" " buildings	655,375 00
" " land	395,225 00
Total valuation	$2,102,000 00
Tax on polls	510 00
Tax on real estate	8,404 80
Tax on personal property	8,411 20
Total tax	17,326 00
Rate of tax per one thousand dollars	8 00
Number of horses assessed	206
" cows "	300
" sheep "	7
" swine "	109
" fowls "	1,760
" acres of land assessed	4,610
" dwelling houses assessed	270
" persons assessed	520
" " " on property	423
" " " poll tax only	97

Report of Trustees of Mary Perkins Fund

Unexpended balance Jan. 1, 1904,	$ 201 66	
Amount of aid furnished to needy persons	30 00	
		$ 171 66
One year interest to Jan. 1, 1905		150 00
Unexpended balance Jan. 1, 1905		$ 321 66

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners for the year 1904

At the annual town meeting held March 7, 1904, Mr. S. K. Evans declined to serve if elected one of the Cemetery Commissioners. The Selectmen were notified by the remaining Commissioners of the vacancy and a meeting was called by that board to be held in the Selectmen's room April 4, 1904. At this meeting H. W. Porter was elected Chairman, and F. H. Tarr, Secretary. D. A. Homan was elected to fill the vacancy until the next annual town meeting. Although new to the work, Mr. Homan has proved a valuable addition to the Commissioners.

April 8, 1904, the Commissioners organized with W. Jones as Chairman, and F. H. Tarr as Clerk. As there was but one set of plans of the cemetery known to the Commissioners it was voted that F. H. Tarr obtain a blue print and two sets of plans of the cemetery—one for the undertaker and one to be placed in the Selectmen's room. During the past year considerable work has been done in the cemetery besides the general cleaning up. Some 250 feet of new avenues have been built; 200 feet of 14 ft. and 150 feet of 9 ft. avenues have been re-graded.

Financial Statement

EXPENDITURES

F. P. Stanton	$ 80
T. W. Batchelder	4 00
W. Jones	53 15
D. A. Homan	30 45
C. A. Metcalf	7 93
F. H. Tarr	67 19
T. M. Barnes	17 25
W. F. Tucker	12 10
C. W. Perkins	15 00
Whitcomb & Carter	2 50
F. A. Stanley	9 70
Hamilton Hardware Co.	15 73
Mrs. J. M. Julyn	15 00
G. W. Jones	32 44
G. A. Addison	16 00
	——— $ 299 24

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand	$ 72 50	
Town appropriation	250 00	
Sale of loam	4 00	
" lots and graves	124 00	
Total receipts		$ 450 50
Total expenditure		299 24
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1905		$ 151 26

F. H. TARR, Secretary.

WARREN JONES,
D. A. HOMAN,
F. H. TARR,
Cemetery Commissioners.

List of Jurors

Nathaniel P. Perkins, farmer
Sargent M. Knowlton, farmer
Frank E. Perkins, meat dealer
Henry D. Stillman, farmer
J. Sumner Brown, farmer
George W. Jones, laborer
Patrick H. Kavanagh, retired
Frank Cole, farmer
James B. Pickett, R. E. Agent
David Pingree, farmer
Joseph T. Haskell, carpenter
Edward L. Rollins, motorman
Thomas M. Barnes, contractor
Samuel M. Hill, ice dealer

Wenham, Feb. 11, 1905.

Auditor's Report

Herewith I submit my report for 1904.

The undersigned having examined the accounts of the several officers, finds the sums correct with vouchers for the payments.

GEORGE E. NORRIS, Auditor.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1904

Eighteen births (twelve males and six females), eleven marriages and twenty-three deaths were recorded in Wenham in 1904. Seventeen residents (nine males and eight females) died during the year; eight of whom were removed for interment elsewhere; five non-residents were brought to Wenham for interment.

DEATHS

1904			Years	Months	Days
Jan.	7	Jacob Young	83	5	26
	23	Elaine Marguerite Tracy	8	9	16
	24	Joseph Easter Arpin	1	10	—
March	28	John Benton McCulloch	46	5	16
April	29	Mary (McLee) Fitz Simons	68	—	—
July	12	Arthur Joseph Harrigan	1	5	23
	13	Betsy F. Cook	83	4	—
	16	Joseph H. Woodford	75	2	15
Aug.	26	Lena B. Reynolds	—	1	14
Nov.	2	John G. Roundy	70	7	6
	10	Mary (Field) Harrigan	78	—	—
Dec.	1	Mary C. (Munn)Taylor	32	3	—
	3	Hannah (Wakelin) Lake	83	3	—
	13	John H. Hart, (at Beverly hospital)	38	—	1
	15	Charles W. Lord	83	7	15
	17	Edmund K. Batchelder	72	11	17
	17	Stillborn	—	—	—
	18	Anna (Parker) Parker	82	9	—

List of Non-residents brought to Wenham for Interment in 1904

1904			Years	Months	Days
April	7	Charles William Gilbert (Served in the Mexican War, and in the war of the rebellion.)	76	7	26
May	18	Sarah J. (Norcross) Lamb	73	6	22
Aug.	29	Harvey S. Pierce	25	2	11
Oct.	30	James R. Richards	76	7	3
Dec.	20	Edward W. Peabody (2d Unattached Co. Mass. Inf.)	81	4	4

DOGS

One hundred and four dogs, eighty-four males and twenty females were licensed (plus one breeder's license $25.00) and from the amount received therefor the sum of two hundred and seventy–two dollars were paid into the county treasury.

The sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars and fifty two cents has been refunded.

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

List of Department Expenses

School department	$ 4,602 64
Public library	249 10
Fire department	306 50
Highway repairs	1,218 35
Removing snow	1,091 65
Soldiers' relief	521 43
Town incidentals	968 49
Police department	133 43
Board of Health	220 51
Street lights	1,398 44
Tree warden's department	149 70
Fire cistern	282 45
Town officers	812 38
Town hall expenses	171 84
Extra highway expenses	1,044 24
Poor department	387 35
State highway work (1903)	66 88
Road machine runners	50 00
Tramps	53 65
State aid	463 00
Military aid	372 00
Arbor street sidewalk	150 00
Care of park	12 04
New school house fund	3,000 00
Cemetery department	250 00
State tax	2,600 00
County tax	3,794 76
Interest on trust funds	40 48
	$ 24,411 31

Recommendations

The Selectmen recommend that the following sums be appropriated for the fiscal year 1905:

For town incidentals	$ 2,200 00
Highway repairs	1,200 00
Extra highway work	500 00
Street Lighting	1,500 00
Poor department	500 00
Soldiers' relief	500 00
Interest	178 50
Library	100 00
Fire department	200 00
Tree warden's department	100 00
The School Committee recommend that the following sum be raised for the support of the public schools	4,420 00

Recommendations

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommended the following appropriations for the fiscal year 1905:

School department,	$4,350 00
Highway repairs,	1,200 00
Fire department,	200 00
Poor department,	500 00
Soldier's relief,	500 00
Town library,	125 00
Street light,	1,500 00
Tree warden's department,	100 00
Interest,	178 50
Town incidentals,	2,200 00
	$10,853 50

ARTHUR D. PRINCE, Clerk
Finance and Advisory Committee.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday, the sixth day of March next, at six of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles: (Election of officers by "Official Ballot" from 6 A. M. to 10 A. M.)

1st. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing and to see if the Town will vote to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

2d. To act on the reports of the Selectmen, School Committee, Trustees of the Public Library, Cemetery Commissioners and other Town officers.

3d. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year; make appropriation of the same and determine the manner of collecting.

4th. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, under the directions of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, said loan or loans to be paid from said taxes.

5th. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, or act anything thereon.

6th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expenses of "Memorial Day," the same to be used under the direction of the soldiers and sailors of Wenham.

7th. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay the State and Military Aid for the ensuing year.

8th. To see what action the Town will take in regard to truant scholars.

9th. To see if the Town will vote to extend the street lighting service on Arbor street to the Hamilton town line by the addition of more lamps, or act anything thereon.

10th. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the buildings on the parsonage lot or act anything thereon.

11th. (1st.) To see if the Town will authorize the School House Building Committee to proceed with the construction of a four room school house per plans selected by them or act anything thereon.

(2d.) To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or otherwise provide, a sufficient sum of money to enable this committee to carry their plans into effect, or act anything thereon.

12th. To see if the Town will vote to build a storage cistern for fire purposes at or near the junction of Main Street and Larch Row, or act anything thereon, as per petition of the Fire Wards.

13th. To see if the Town will vote to purchase an additional snow plow or heater for use in the center of the town, or act anything thereon, as per petition of L. S. Lord and others.

14th. To see if the Town will vote to revise the Town By-Laws, or act anything thereon.

15th. To see if the Town will concur with the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners in the proposed change in the boundary line between the towns of Wenham and Hamilton, as recommended by said Board, or take any other action thereon.

16th. To act on any other matter that may lawfully come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town House, one at the Post Office, one at each of the two meeting houses, one at the chapel at Mapleville, and one at the eastern part of the town near the residence of Mr. John K. Dodge, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as afore, said.

Given under our hands this seventh day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and five.

HERBERT W. PORTER,
NATH'L P. PERKINS,
OTIS D. BREWER,
} Selectmen of Wenham

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1904

BEVERLY, MASS.
THE CITIZEN PRINTING COMPANY
1905

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Wenham:

The Committee herewith submit their annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904. The following is an account of expenditures for the year just closed:

SUPERINTENDENT

Andrew S. Thomson

Paid Salary for April and December	$ 320 00

TEACHING

Center Grammar

Paid Mary E. Stewart, 24 weeks to June 24,	$ 312 00
Georgia M. Rodick, 15 weeks to Dec. 23,	195 00
Ruth A. McKay, assistant, 12 weeks to Dec. 9,	72 00
Edith S. Wilson, assistant, 2 weeks to Dec. 23,	12 00
	$ 591 00

Primary School

Paid Susie M. Kelley, 24 weeks to June 24,	$ 270 00
15 " Dec. 23,	195 00
	$ 465 00

West School

Paid Julia A. Brine, 24 weeks to June 24,	$ 240 00
Florence Norton, 15 weeks to Dec. 23,	150 00
	$ 390 00

Neck School

Paid	Florence E. Dodge, 24 weeks to June 24,		$ 240 00
	Belle D. Rogers, 15 " Dec. 23,		150 00
			$ 390 00

East School

Paid	Maude E. Richardson, 3 weeks to Jan. 22,		$ 21 00
	Helen G. Story, 21 " June 24,		147 00
	15 " Dec. 23,		112 60
			$ 280 60

Music

Paid	M. Eva Robinson, 18 weeks,	$ 72 00
	Bertha Simon, 10 weeks,	40 00
		$ 112 00

SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS

Paid	Edw. E. Babb & Co., books and supplies	$ 175 18
	Ginn & Co., books	23 20
	D. C. Heath & Co., books	20 00
	American Book Co., books	9 36
	Silver, Burdette & Co., books	9 25
	Bertha Simon, supplies	1 50
	Burnham Job Print, printing	4 00
	Elbridge Porter, care of outbuildings	25 00
	" " taking school census	15 00
	" " keys, etc.,	85
	H. M. Bixby & Co., window shades	8 70
	A. C. Lunt, shade	1 65
	Whitcomb, Carter Co., keys, etc.	1 90
	Patrick Corkery, cleaning vaults	6 00
	Wellington Pool, supplies	2 10
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies	3 45
	F. P. Stanton, supplies and cash paid	7 20
	A. S. Thomson, expenses	8 85
	G. V. Bowden, supplies	1 30
	Citizen Printing Co., printing	2 00
	E. S. Burnham, printing	6 25
		$333 24

FUEL AND JANITOR SERVICE

Paid	Charles S. Gwinn, coal	$20 25
	John Girdler, "	33 75
	Coal for Grammar School	40 00
	Charles Wilkins, wood	8 00
	H. D. Stillman, "	16 00
	S. M. Knowlton, "	6 00
	Wellington Pool, janitor service	61 17
	Mrs. Addison, " "	42 25
	Louis Lovett, " "	18 50
	Fannie Choate, cleaning	3 00
	Clara Williams, janitor	12 40
	George V. Bowden, janitor	29 25
		$290 57

REPAIRS

Paid	F. H. Tarr, grading	$ 6 29
	B. F. Hill, oil, etc.	4 49
	F. H. Brooks, painting and glazing	41 91
	G. F. Hinkley, repairs	27 00
	Elbridge Porter, labor on schoolhouses	7 00
	G. V. Bowden, stock and labor	9 60
		$ 96 29

OLD BILLS OF YEAR 1903

Paid	M. E. Robinson, music	$ 12 00
	A. C. Cummings, freighting and transportation	28 00
	Frank E. Burnham, mason work	55 60
	Edward E. Babb & Co., books	10 00
	George F. Hinkley, balance of bill	2 00
	Mrs. Addison, janitor service	8 00
		$115 60

WENHAM TRANSPORTATION

Paid	Elbridge Porter, carrying 8th grade from Neck to Center	$100 40

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Paid City of Salem for half year to June 30

Ralph W. Perkins	$25 00	
Lucy F. Cole	25 00	
Marion P. Dodge	25 00	
Alice F. Lovett	25 00	
For one year		
Randolph A. Dodge	50 00	
Roland H. Patch	50 00	
Addie M. Williams	50 00	
Florence Alley	50 00	
L. Fred Kilham	50 00	
Charles T. Quimby	50 00	
Blanche D. Young	50 00	
Robert L. Dodge, one-half year	25 00	
		$475 00

Paid City of Beverly, tuition for one year to June 30, 1904

Roscoe Batchelder	$50 00	
M. Ella Knowlton	50 00	
Melvina Stanton	50 00	
Marcia Perkins	50 00	
Richard Gould	50 00	
Horace Dodge	50 00	
Ruth E. Bowden	50 00	
		$350 00

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Amount expended to Dec. 31	$292 94

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paid George V. Bowden, services 2 years	$99 50
Elbridge Porter, " 2 "	60 50
Fred P. Stanton, "	25 00
	$185 00

SUMMARY

Appropriations

Teaching and Music	$1,400 00
Supplies and Incidentals	350 00
Fuel and Janitor service	250 00
High School tuition	1,100 00
High School Transportation	315 00
Wenham Transportation	130 00
Repairs	100 00
Outstanding bills	125 00
	$3770 00

Receipts

Mass. School Fund	$622 39
State allowance for Superintendent	250 00
Dog Tax	189 71
City of Boston tuition	90 50
State Board of Charity	14 00
From Town incidentals for pay of School Com.	185 00
	$5121 60

Expenditures

Teaching and Music	$2,228 60
Superintendent's salary	320 00
Supplies and Incidentals	333 24
Fuel and Janitor service	290 57
High School tuition	825 00
High School transportation	292 94
Wenham transportation	100 40
Repairs	96 29
Outstanding bills of 1903	115 60
Pay of School Committee	185 00
To Balance	333 96
	$5121 60

PUPILS IN BEVERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Marcia Perkins
Horace Dodge
Ruth E. Bowden
Alice Parker
Roscoe Batchelder
Richard Gould
Melvina Stanton
Ella Knowlton
Hattie M. Parker
Lena M. Parker
Mary E. Pembroke
Albert W. Dodge
Fred W. Eaton
Raymond R. Tarr
Ida A. Hawkins

PUPILS IN SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

L. Fred Kilham	Roland H. Patch
Florence Alley	Robert L. Dodge
Addie M. Williams	Charles T. Quimby
Blanch D. Young	Randolph A. Dodge

The schools of the Town have made good progress in their studies during the year.

There have been several changes in teachers at the beginning of the fall term. To relieve the crowded condition of the primary school it has been necessary to remove the fourth grade to the grammar school and employ an assistant to Miss Rodick.

The school buildings are in a fair state of repair with the exception of the East school which will require some repairs the coming year.

The Committee hope that the town will take action at the annual meeting to provide for a new school house at the Center on the lot purchased for that purpose.

Your attention is called to the report of the Superintendent as to the condition of the school and the progress made.

Owing to the loss of the Massachusetts school fund this year it is necessary to ask for a larger appropriation and your Committee ask for the following amounts :

Superintendent's salary	$ 320 00
Teaching	1,840 00
Supplies and incidentals	350 00
Fuel and janitor service	300 00
Repairs	100 00
High school tuition	1,150 00
" " transportation	360 00
	$ 4,420 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE V. BOWDEN,
ELBRIDGE PORTER,
FRED P. STANTON,
School Committee.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Gentlemen of the School Committee:

The time is at hand when it becomes my duty and pleasure to submit to you and to the people of the town my third annual report of the condition, progress and needs of the schools of Wenham. It may be well to state that the report of attendance and statistical tables which are found at the end of this report are for the school year ending last June. The general report of the schools is from the time of our last report, January first, 1904, to the present time.

The year has been uneventful, the school work has continued with energy and enthusiasm. Five pupils completed the grammar school work last June, three of whom entered the Beverly High School without examination. Beverly has consented to take our pupils into its high schools upon presentation of a certificate signed by the chairman of our school committee and superintendent of schools. This places the responsibility upon us for the proper preparation of our pupils. Besides our own grammar school graduates four pupils moved into town who were prepared to enter high school, so the number of pupils from Wenham in high school was increased beyond our calculations.

CONDITIONS AT CENTER

When the schools opened in September the Center Primary numbered fifty-four. There were only forty-six seats and the room was too small for more seats to be put in. This necessitated putting the fourth grade, the highest class of the primary, into the grammar school. This made five grades in the grammar school with nearly fifty children. It was evident that no teacher could do satisfactory work with so many classes and children, so an as-

sistant was secured. The assistant has used the small room adjoining the grammar room as a recitation room, and has taken charge of both fourth and fifth grades. The arrangement has worked to the advantage of both schools as the primary teacher was relieved of one grade and can now devote more time which was much needed to start the children properly in their work, and the grammar teacher is relieved of one grade and can give more time to drilling the remaining grades.

Although this arrangement has worked very well it has its drawbacks. We should not continue for any great length of time using this recitation room which is poorly lighted and furnished with settees. Settees are very bad for both the progress and health of the children as the pupils have to use their laps for desks making neat work difficulty and proper position impossible. The condition of the primary school demands immediate attention. The room is so small that almost every bit of floor space has to be covered with seats to afford accommodation for the forty-five children remaining there. It will be impossible to allow children to enter the school in March, as has been the custom in the past. Not only is the Primary room too small for the number of pupils but it is almost without ventilation. If the people of the town will visit this room when the school is in session they will realize how polluted the air soon becomes. The air is breathed and rebreathed many times which is detrimental both to the physical health and to the mental progress of the children.

The crowded condition promises to be greater for the next school year as the grade which will go from the primary to the Grammar school at the close of this school year is very large and the class to go out is small, thus the Grammar room will be inadequate for the needs of next year. There are ninety pupils at present at the Center, enough for three rooms. Taking into consideration the children who are now four years old and will be ready to enter school in September, the number will be increased to one hundred. As it has come to that point that more school room at the Center is a grave necessity, and as the loca-

tion for a school house seems to have been settled immediate steps should be taken to build the school house which has been planned.

We would be much surer of having our pupils properly prepared for the high school if the eighth grade from the West and Neck could be brought to the Center and consolidated with the eighth grade there. It would be a great relief to the district schools to have the eighth grades taken out. This will give the teachers more time to drill the younger children. It is true that the brightest children will get along with the flexible system of grading in a district school but the average and slow pupils need the personal attention of the teacher. When a teacher has the work of eight grades with a large school this personal attention cannot be given.

VALUATION

Owing to the fact that the valuation of the property of the town exceeded $2,500,000 this year the town next year loses its share in the Massachusetts School fund, moreover the State does not reimburse the town of the Superintendent's salary when the valuation goes over $3,500,000. This necessitates an extra amount to be raised by taxation for the support of the schools. The town however has diminished in valuation this year so that the following year it will receive both the amounts above mentioned. There will be also an extra item of expense for next September since there will be ten or eleven pupils to enter high school.

The old seats and desks in the East School are very much out of repair and ought to be replaced by new adjustable ones.

GEOGRAPHY

The tendency of the study of geography has shifted of late years from a description of the earth's surface to the study of man and the earth as his abiding place. The great aim of geography is three fold: to increase an appreciation of man's customs

and conditions; to infuse a knowledge of natural obstacles to be overcome and resources to be discovered before nature's laws can be made useful to man; to cultivate the ability to locate places, noted and interesting because of their contribution to history, science or art. We have based our course of study upon the old principle to "proceed from the known to the unknown," so that the child studies geographically, historically and politically, first his home town, then his state, his country, his continent, his hemisphere, the world as a whole, instead of trying to memorize the names of all mountains, rivers and cities, a detailed study of a few places is made and these are considered as typical of others. To make these types more vivid the imagination should be assisted by specimens, pictures, maps, map drawing and geographical readers. Our work in geography has been much strengthened by the use of Carpenter's Geographical Readers to supplement the text books.

THE TEACHER

A great deal is being said about moral education in the public schools and the criticism is made that they are "Godless." The schools are not godless if there is in them a teacher who has the power to inspire with ambition, whose own character rings true, who has high ideals and a noble purpose in life. The most lasting and ennobling moral lessons children learn at school are from the influence and example of their teachers. By intuition children read the character of their teacher with great insight. If she is just, fair and honest it matters little for her to harp upon justice, kindness unselfishness: her example is better than precept. Incidents will occur in lessons studied in the school room and play ground which can be utilized opportunely to impress moral lessons. Abusive remarks, unjust punishment, hasty temper and scolding, work permanent injuries upon the children. One poor teacher will counteract the work of many good ones. Certain requirements should be insisted upon from every pupil. Promptness and regularity at school, neatness of work, obedience, courteous

manners and unselfish conduct should be inculcated by rule as well as by precept until they become habits.

CHANGE OF TEACHERS

Last June Miss Mary E. Stuart who had so energetically and ably conducted the Center Grammar School resigned to take a position in Winchester. Miss Stuart did much to raise the standard of scholarship in the school and her personal character was an inspiration to the ambition of the pupils. Miss Georgia M. Rodick, a graduate of Boston University, was secured to fill the position and is maintaining the standard of the school with good success. Miss Florence Dodge of the Neck School, who had done efficient work in the schools of the town for some years, resigned and Mrs. Isabel Rogers, a teacher of successful experience was secured for the vacancy. Miss Julia Brine of the West School resigned a few days before school opened in September and Miss Florence Norton, a graduate of Salem Normal was secured for the West School. All of our teachers are doing commendable work. It is unfortunate to have so many changes among our teachers but this is almost inevitable in a town so near larger towns where teachers' salaries are better and the teachers have fewer grades.

Mrs. Robinson, our music teacher, was unable to return to us this year owing to illness in her family. Miss Simons was placed in charge of the music for a time but owing to the necessity of economizing and believing that the work in drawing should be started in our schools it was decided to do without a music teacher for a time. We have urged the necessity for systematic work in drawing in the schools of the town and have spoken of its value both as to utility in other branches and as to its general culture. It is to be hoped that this work will soon be systematized and inspired by the employment of a supervisor.

The year has brought to me much pleasure in my work in the schools of Wenham. Among these pleasures are the cordial and pleasant relations which have existed between myself and the School Committee, and their ready response to act for the welfare

of the schools; and the devotion, ability and kindly spirit of the teachers, to all I express my thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW S. THOMSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1905

March 10.	All schools close for Spring vacation.
March 20.	All schools open for Spring term.
June 16.	All schools close for Summer vacation.
	Summer vacation
September 5.	All schools open for Fall term.
November 24.	All schools close for Thanksgiving vacation.
	Thirteen weeks
December 4.	All schools open.
December 21.	All schools close for Christmas vacation.
December 31.	All schools open.

1906

March 16.	All schools close for Spring vacation.
	Fourteen weeks
March 26.	All schools open.
June 15.	All schools close for Summer vacation.
	Eleven weeks

CENSUS REPORT

September 1904

Boys between 5—15 years old	84
Girls " 5—15 " "	74
Total of school age	158
Boys between 7—14 years old	62
Girls " 7—14 " "	57
Total of compulsory school age	119

School Attendance for the School year 1903 and 1904	Months and days	No. enrolled	No. boys enrolled	No. girls enrolled	Average membership	Average attendance	Average per ct. attendance	No. over 15	No. under 5	No. between 5 and 15	No. between 7 and 14
Center Grammar School	9 m. 5 d.	32	13	19	31	28	93	0	0	32	31
Center Primary School	9 m. 3 d.	51	30	21	45	42	93	0	3	48	31
Neck School	9 m. 10 d.	30	13	17	26	25	90	2	0	28	26
West School	9 m. 6 d.	18	12	6	14	15	96	1	0	17	14
East School	6 m. 0 d.	10	3	7	8	7	86	1	1	9	6
Total		141	71	70	124	117	92	4	4	134	108

TEACHERS, SCHOOLS, SALARIES, ETC.

School	Name	Grade	Salary	Where Educated
Center Grammar	Georgia M. Rodick	IV to VIII	$13.00	Boston University
Center Primary	Susie M. Kelley	I to III	13.00	Salem Normal School
Neck School	Isabel D. Rogers	I to VIII	10.00	Salem Normal School
West School	Florence Norton	I to VIII	10.00	Salem Normal School
East School	Helen Story	I to VII	7.50	Essex High School
Center Assistant	A. Gertrude Whitney		5.00	

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM, MASS.,

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1904

BEVERLY, MASS.
THE CITIZEN PRINTING COMPANY
1905

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

To the Citizens of Wenham:

The Twentieth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library for the year 1904 is herewith respectfully submitted.

The Board of Trustees for the past year has been constituted as follows:

Benjamin H. Conant,	present term	expires	March,	1905
Henry A. Moulton,	"	"	"	1906
Alice Gertrude Whitney,	"	"	"	1907

The organization of the Board remains the same as for the previous year: Henry A. Moulton, chairman; Benj. H. Conant, Secretary and Librarian.

The work of the Library has been continued along the same general lines as for several years, the details of which would be merely a repetition of former reports; suffice it to say that we have endeavored to conduct it in such a manner as to satisfy the demands of the various classes of readers. Possibly if we have erred, it has been in catering too much to the popular demand for the merely entertaining, rather than the more so called solid literature, although the educational features have by no means been neglected.

During the year 109 volumes have been purchased at a cost of $129.45, or an average of about $1.19 per volume. These have been classified as follows: Non-fiction classes, 52 volumes costing $83.07, or an average of about $1.59 per volume; Fiction, 57 volumes costing $46.38, or an average of about $0.81 per volume. Of the amount of money expended for books, about 36 per cent has been paid for fiction, and about 64 per cent for literature classed as non-fiction, of the number of books purchased about 52 per cent has been classed as fiction and about 48 per cent as non-fiction.

This proportion is far greater than is recommended by the leading librarians and educators of the nation. The American Library Association has caused to be compiled from the recom-

mendations of some 250 specialists throughout the country, a catalogue of about 8000 books, designed especially as a model for an ordinary village library. This catalogue was published in October, 1904 by the Library of Congress at Washington, D. C., and a single copy is sent free to each library in the U. S. In its classification it allows 16 per cent for fiction and 84 per cent for all other departments of literature.

An editorial in "The Dial" for Feb. 1, 1902, entitled, "The Novel and the Library" offers some suggestions designed to check the inordinate use of fiction in our public libraries. It says:— "The great preponderance of works of fiction among the books drawn from public libraries has always been a subject of much concern to librarians and other men engaged in the business of public education. It comes up for discussion perennially, and various are the suggestions made for the correction of what is generally recognized as an evil. While there is nothing to say against the practice of reading fiction, abstractly considered, there is much to say against the novel-reading habit which seems to be fastened upon the majority of those who use our public libraries. When the statistics of circulation show that works of fiction constitute from 50 to 80 per cent of the books that are taken for home reading, there is certainly some reason to think that the library is regarded as a source of entertainment rather than of public education, and some reason to question the wisdom of taxing the people at large for such a purpose. Even if careful consideration of the whole subject convinces us that a library, put chiefly to such uses, is better than no library at all, and still on the whole a worthy object of public support, it is certainly obligatory upon those who control the supply of free books to use all possible vigilance in minimizing the evil of thoughtless reading, and in encouraging the literary and studious tastes of readers. Mr. Herbert Putnam, who by virtue of his official position is the leader of the profession of librarianship in America, makes a suggestion that may be pronounced radical, but that commends itself to the sober intelligence after the first shock of surprise is over. It is, simply, that no works of fiction be purchased by public libraries for at least a year after publication. Nothing could be more sensible than the following words:—'There is, however, a demand for fiction which I do not believe can legitimately be met by the public library. That is the demand for the latest new novel merely because it is the latest new novel. We all read current novels and enjoy and profit by them. But the demand for them is largely artificial, for a purpose merely social, and it is

apt to be transitory. No free library can meet it adequately, and the attempt to meet it is an expense and annoyance to the reader and expense and burden to itself.'

"The exclusion of the newest fiction from the library shelves would doubless occasion a great outcry, but the loss to the public would be more imaginary than real. Every librarian knows how hollow is the pretence of meeting the popular demand for the novels of the day. To supply that demand would entail an expenditure that no librarian could sanction."

Another suggestion is to allow each card holder to draw two books at the same time, only one of which may be a work of fiction. This encourages collateral reading of the serious kind, and is said to secure good results. Still another plan is to make the fiction department partially or wholly self-supporting, by making a small charge for the use of the books.

The article closes with these words:—

"In all this discussion, it must not be forgotten that the reading of good fiction is something more than entertainment, that it is a study of one of the great forms of creative literature, and one of the most potent agencies whereby the sympathies may be quickened, the horizon enlarged, the higher interests aroused, and culture attained. We have forever passed the day when thoughtful people could condemn the reading of fiction as such; we have come to understand for good that the best novels are among the best books there are, however we may deprecate the reading of the shallow and sensational sorts of fiction."

Mr. Ainsworth R. Spofford, formerly Librarian of Congress, in his "Book for all Readers," says:—"Until you have read the best fictions of Scott, Thackeray, Dickens, Hawthorne, George Eliot and Victor Hugo, you should not be hungry after the last new novel,—sure to be forgotten in a year, while the former are perennial. The taste which is once formed upon models such as have been named willnot be satisfied with the trashy book or the spasmodic school of writing."

Our only apology for the foregoing quotations is that they express our own views upon the subject in better form than we feel capable of doing ourselves. While we are by no means ready to adopt the injunction of an old fourteenth century writer who held that no books might rightly be read "save the bokis of hooli scripture and such other bokis as be nedeful to the understonding of hooli scripture," we do feel that the indiscriminate reading of fiction (even of good fiction) to the almost entire exclusion of

more serious literature, is a problem which all thoughtful readers will do well to consider.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

Aside from Government publications, the gifts to the Library have been somewhat less than usual, especially in regard to periodical literature. We hope those who have heretofore been in the habit of contributing magazines will continue to do so at least until the Library is in a condition to subscribe for them itself. These magazines contain much that is of permanent value for reference work, and it is chiefly for this purpose that we desire to keep our files complete. To all who have in any way favored the Library with gifts during the year, our sincere thanks are returned.

CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY

On account of the crowded and consequently somewhat chaotic condition of things in the Library, no systematic taking of stock has been attempted during the year. We believe, however, that nearly if not all the books can be accounted for. The withdrawal of wornout books, and the storage elsewhere of a judicious selection of such other books as are seldom used, might relieve the situation to some extent.

NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY

The need of more room in the Library is so obvious that reference to it seems superfluous. It has been intimated that in consequence of lack of room, no appropriation of money beyond providing for running expenses need be made the present year. There are, however, other needs which are becoming more and more apparent every year. Among these are a first-class encyclopedia, dictionary and atlas, also an index to periodical literature, of which we have more than two hundred volumes. All these are absolutely necessary in any Library, however small, which makes any pretence of educational work. We would recommend a special appropriation the present year for this purpose. In addition to this, when additional room for the Library is provided, a re-arrangement and re-cataloguing of the books will be necessary, much of the preliminary work of which might be accomplished before removal, providing the means are supplied.

STATISTICS OF THE LIBRARY

For the Year 1904

CIRCULATION

Days on which the Library has been open for exchange of books (afternoon and evening)	52
Volumes lent at Central Library	3,144
" " East Wenham Branch	295
" " West Wenham Branch	229
" " Wenham Neck Branch	471
Whole number of volumes lent	4,139
Volumes renewed	303
Average weekly delivery	80
Largest " " Sept. 21,	136
Smallest " " Nov. 23,	42
Number of different individuals who have taken books during the year	297
(As follows:—Central Library, 199; E. Wenham Branch, 26; W. Wenham Branch, 23; Wenham Neck Branch, 49.)	
New names added during the year,	70
(As follows: Central Library, 45; East Branch, 0; West Branch, 5; Neck Branch, 20.)	
Whole number of different individuals who have taken books since the adoption of the present system of administration (1893)	769

CLASSIFICATION AND USE

	Volumes catalogued Dec. 31, 1903	Volumes added 1904	Volumes catalogued Dec. 31, 1904	Volumes lent at Central Library	Volumes lent at East Wenham Branch	Volumes lent at West Wenham Branch	Volumes lent at Wenham Neck Branch	Whole number of Volumes lent
History	409	12	421	155	5	14	13	187
Biography	309	16	325	64	12	3	11	90
Travel	257	10	267	139	12	12	12	175
Science	215	7	222	92	1	5	4	102
Poetry	53	0	53	6	0	1	2	9
Religion	98	0	98	17	1	1	4	23
Miscellaneous	453	7	460	223	8	6	19	256
Total Non-Fiction	1794	52	1846	696	39	42	65	842
Fiction	1665	58	1723	2448	256	187	406	3297
Total including Fiction	3459	110	3569	3144	295	229	471	4139

PER CENT OF CIRCULATION

	Central Library	East Branch	West Branch	Neck Branch	Whole Library
Non-Fiction	22.14	13.22	18.34	13.80	20.34
Fiction	77.86	86.78	81.66	86.20	79.66
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY

	Catalogued	Not Catalogued	Total
Volumes added during the year			
By purchase,	103	6	109
By gift,	7	58	65
Whole number of volumes added 1904	110	64	174
Volumes in Library Dec. 31, 1903,	3459	1045	4504
" " Dec. 31, 1904,	3569	1109	4678
Pamphlets in Library Dec. 31, 1903,			1013
" added by gift, 1904			75
" in Library Dec. 31, 1904,			1088

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Periodicals, Etc.
Abbot Public Library, Marblehead		1	
Alley, Henry, Wenham,	3		Case of Maps
Beverly (Mass.) Citizen, Publishers			1 Sub.
Beverly (Mass.) Public Library,		3	
Boston (Mass.) Public Library,		1	
Bowden, George V., Wenham,	1		
Bridge, James Howard, New York City,	1		
Conant, Woodbury P., Salem,		19	
DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana,		1	
Dodd, Mead & Co., New York City,	1		
Dodge, Richard E., New York City,	2		
Elliott, Charles F., Wenham,			57 numbers
Gardner, Hon. A. P., Washington, D. C.,	3		1 Cong. Record
Gould, Miss Elizabeth Porter, Boston,			8 numbers
Green, E. H. R., Terrell, Texas,		1	
Lake Mohonk Arbitration Conference,		1	
Library Bureau, Boston,	1	1	
Lytle, James J., Philadelphia, Pa.,		1	
Massachusetts State Publications			
Board of Agriculture, (Per N. P. Perkins)	1		
Board of Charity,		1	
Bureau, Statistics of Labor,		1	
Hatch Experiment Station, Amherst,	1	11	
Office, Sec'y of the Commonwealth,	30	2	
School for Feeble Minded, Waltham,		1	
Soldiers' Home, Chelsea,		1	
State Library,		2	
Trustees of Public Reservations,		1	
Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society,		1	
Moulton, Henry A., Wenham,	4	1	Papers
Perkins, Mrs. George H., Wenham,			36 numbers
Pool, Wellington, Wenham,	3	1	Papers
Salem (Mass.) Public Library,		1	
Salem (Mass.) Water Board,		1	
Tabor Academy, Marion, Mass.,		1	
Topsfield (Mass.) Town Library,		1	
Trowt, Andrew D., Wenham,		1	3 numbers Papers

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Periodicals, Etc.
United States Government Publications,			
Bureau of American Republics,		1	12 numbers
Civil Service Commission,	1		
Commissioner of Education,	1		
Department of Commerce and Labor,		3	3 numbers
Interstate Commission,	1		
Library of Congress,	6	11	
Naval War Records Office,	1		
Smithsonian Institution,	2		
Wenham School Committee,	1		
Wenham, Town of		1	
Whitney, Miss A. Gertrude, Wenham,		1	
Wilkins, Miss H. Adeline, Wenham,	1		
	65	75	119 numbers

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1904

Unexpended balance with Town Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1903,	$ 59 71
Town appropriation, March, 1904,	200 00
Receipts from fines, cards, etc.,	9 27
	$268 98

EXPENDITURES

For Library service		
Benj. H. Conant, Librarian	$50 00	
Henry A. Moulton, services	14 40	
A. Gertrude Whitney, "	14 10	
Addison Williams, East Branch	10 00	
George V. Bowden, West "	10 00	
H. Adeline Wilkins, Neck Br., 1 year to Oct. 1.	10 00	
		$108 50
For Books		
D. Appleton & Co., N. Y. 2 volumes,	$10 00	
Charles Scribner's Sons, N. Y. 8 "	13 00	
Old Corner Bookstore, Boston 67 "	75 75	

Mass. Society Mayflower Descendants, Boston	5 volumes	$6 50	
Palmer Co., Boston	2 "	2 00	
Richard G. Badger, Boston	1 "	1 25	
Almy. Bigelow & Washburn, Salem	17 "	12 85	
Benj. H. Conant	7 "	8 10	
	109 volumes		$129 45

For Miscellaneous Items

Beverly Citizen Co., Printing Bookplates,	$1 75	
Benj. H. Conant, Librarian's Record	60	
" " Subscription to "Bookman"	2 00	
" " " " "Dial"	2 00	
" " " " "Amateur Work" (2 yrs)	2 00	
" " American Express	1 10	
" " Postage and other incidentals	1 70	
		$11 15
Total expenditures,		$249 10
Unexpended balance with Town Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1904,		$19 88
Dec. 31, 1904. Paid Horace E. Durgin, Town Treasurer, the amount received for fines, etc., during the year 1904,		$9 27

EDWIN D. HAWKINS FUND

Amount of Mr. Hawkins' legacy, received 1897,	$125 00
Deposited in Beverly Savings Bank, Oct. 1897,	100 00
Balance appropriated for purchase of books,	$25 00
Accrued interest on deposit to Oct. 1904,	28 29
	$53 29
Expended for books (15 volumes) previous to Dec. 31, 1904,	23 55
Balance available Dec. 31, 1904	$29 74

STATEMENT

Showing the various sums which have been appropriated by the Town for the maintenance of the Public Library for the last twenty years :

1885	$ 100.00	1895	$ 100.00
1886	150.00	1896	100.00
1887	100.00	1897	150.00
1888	150.00	1898	150.00
1889	100.00	1899	150.00
1890	100.00	1900	200.00
1891	100.00	1901	200.00
1892	125.00	1902	225.00
1893	150.00	1903	250.00
1894	150.00	1904	200.00

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. H. CONANT,

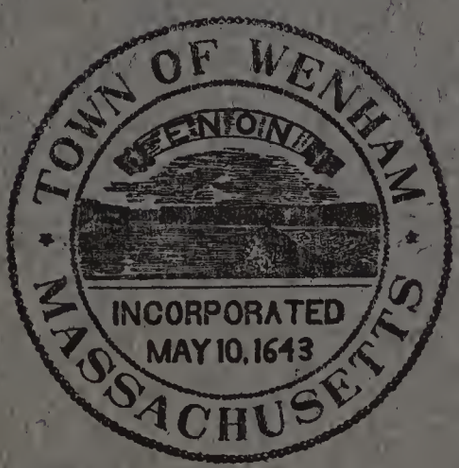
Sec'y of Trustees and Librarian,

Wenham Public Library.

Wenham, Mass., Feb. 13, 1905.

Town of Wenham

Annual Reports



1905

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE RECEIPTS AND
EXPENDITURES OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

ALSO REPORT OF THE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, '05

Town Officers for the Year 1905-1906

Moderator: Horace E. Durgin.

Town Clerk: Wellington Pool.

Selectmen: Herbert W. Porter, chairman; Nathaniel P. Perkins, clerk; Charles H. McQueeny.

Assessors: Nathaniel P. Perkins, chairman; Charles H. McQueeny, clerk; Herbert W. Porter.

Overseers of the Poor: Nathaniel P. Perkins, chairman and clerk; Herbert W. Porter, Charles H. McQueeny.

Fence Viewers: Herbert W. Porter, Nathaniel P. Perkins, Charles H. McQueeny.

Town Treasurer: Horace E. Durgin.

Collector of Taxes: Fred P. Stanton.

Auditor: George E. Norris. (Resigned). W. Arthur Trowt appointed to fill the vacancy.

School Committee: George V. Bowden, chairman, 1906; Elbridge Porter, secretary, 1907; Addison Williams, 1908.

Constables: George V. Bowden, John R. Sargent, Charles L. Trefrey.

Special Police: Henry P. Brewer, chief; John R. Sargent, (resigned) Charles L. Trefrey (resigned).

Trustees of the Public Library: Henry A. Moulton, chairman, 1906; Benjamin H. Conant, secretary and librarian, 1908; Alice Gertrude Whitney, 1907.

Board of Health: Benjamin F. Young, chairman, 1908; Henry Alley, secretary, 1907; John R. Sargent, agent, 1906.

Commissioners of Public Cemetery: Warren Jones, chairman, 1906; Samuel K. Evans, clerk, 1908; Daniel A. Homan, 1907.

Surveyors of Highways: Ward 1, Addison Williams; ward 2, Samuel M. Hill; ward 3, James L. Cole; ward 4, Arthur M. Harrigan; ward 5, Samuel K. Evans; ward 6, Thomas M. Barnes; ward 7, J. Frank Crockett; ward 8, James S. Brown; ward 9, Daniel A. Homan.

Tree Warden: Arthur M. Harrigan.

Sealer of Weights and Measures: James H. Perkins.

Field Drivers: Arthur M. Harrigan, William F. Homan.

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark: John K. Dodge, Arthur D. Prince, Herbert W. Porter.

Town Weighers: William F. Trowt, William P. Dodge, John K. Dodge.

Firewards and Forest Firewards: Horace E. Durgin, chief; Frank H. Tarr, clerk; Levi S. Lord, Daniel A. Homan, Chester S. Cook, Horace A. Killam, Addison Williams.

Inspector of Animals: Henry Alley.

Keeper of Lockup and Tramps: John C. Richards.

Finance and Advisory Committee: The Selectmen (ex officio;) Jeremiah Kavanagh, 1906; Sargent M. Knowlton, 1906; Samuel M. Hill, 1907; Arthur D. Prince, clerk, 1907; Charles F. Elliott, 1908; George H. Perkins, 1908.

Nominating Committee: Six at Large and one for each Highway ward.

At Large: Horace E. Durgin, chairman; Charles F. Elliott, Samuel M. Hill, Clarence E. Kimball, Henry A. Moulton, Addison Williams.

By Wards: Ward 1, Henry D. Stillman; ward 2, Austin L. Norcross ward 3, Arthur D. Prince, secretary; ward 4, William P. Dodge; ward 5, Frank H. Tarr; ward 6, Thomas M. Barnes; ward 7, Chester S. Cook; ward 8, Charles H. Stanton; ward 9, John R. Sargent.

REPORT

Highways

Snow Department

WARD ONE

Paid	Addison Williams	$7 00	
	H. D. Stillman	8 05	
	D. W. Preston	2 00	
	C. N. Preston	1 60	
	W. H. Beck	2 45	
	B. F. Burchstead	1 50	
	L. W. Breston	80	
	J. W. Higgins	70	
	Timothy Higgins	60	
	B. F. Hawkins	60	
	A. R. Hawkins	60	
		———	$25 90

WARD TWO

Paid	Samuel M. Hill	$19 73	
	Charles L. Trefrey	4 88	
	Timothy Glavin	5 76	
	Harry Dickinson	2 88	
	John Williams	88	
	E. N. Stanley	88	
	George W. Jones	88	
	C. W. Perkins	88	
	Walter Barker	88	
	F. T. Johnson	11 33	
	A. L. Norcross	3 52	
	F. S. Lovett	5 80	
		———	$58 30

WARD THREE

Paid	J. W. Morgan	$7 96	
	Royden Young	5 06	
	H. A. Killam	4 00	
	Charles Wilkins	6 60	
	E. B. Cole	28 16	
	Horace Dodge	3 96	
	Alonzo Young	5 06	
	S. R. Prince Co.	25 60	
		———	$86 40

WARD FOUR

Paid	A. M. Harrigan	$47 00	
	John Williams	8 00	
	Samuel K. Evans	7 00	
	Everett N. Stanley	8 00	
	I. B. Dodge	4 00	
	Albert W. Dodge	1 60	
	R. L. Dodge	1 60	
	Roy Stanley	4 00	
	Eben Stanley	5 00	
	Joseph B. Stanley	3 00	
	John C. Sauer	3 00	
	P. O'Conner	3 00	
	C. L. Webber	1 00	
	Charles L. Trefrey	2 00	
	Timothy Glaven	2 00	
	Charles F. Dudley	2 00	
	Lewis Bedel	2 00	
		———	$104 20

WARD FIVE

Paid	Frank H. Tarr	$59 38	
	Daniel A. Homan	67	
	L. S. Bedel	5 78	
	S. M. Hill	13 90	
	E. P. Stanley	6 22	
	Roy Stanley	6 44	
	I. W. Heywood	10 23	
	C. F. Dudley	11 67	
	T. M. Barnes	10 00	
	C. L. Webber	3 34	

J. A. Stanley	$3 89	
Elbridge Porter	1 11	
John C. Sauer	7 34	
Daniel A. Homan	1 76	
Walter Barker	67	
C. L. Trefry	1 11	
W. M. Brooks	3 11	
Everett N. Stanley	1 33	
T. W. Batchelder	3 00	
Wm. T. Tucker	3 45	
P. O'Connor	1 56	
A. M. Harrigan	3 89	
S. K. Evans	2 00	
	———	$161 85

WARD SIX

Paid Thos. M. Barnes	$21 48	
Geo. W. Jones	45	
Warren Jones	1 33	
F. H. Brooks	4 00	
Manley Brooks	4 00	
P. O'Connor	5 79	
B. Danniels	1 79	
L. Bedel	1 44	
E. N. Stanley	67	
	———	$40 95

WARD SEVEN

Paid J.F. Crockett	$18 23	
C. W. Bixby	89	
Perley N. Dodge	4 67	
Geo. A. Perkins	13 88	
W. S. Putnam	13 00	
G. V. Bowden	1 67	
Sidney S. Cook	7 78	
Chas. M. Bixby	4 12	
D. A. Harrigan	2 22	
J. F. Kent	4 45	
M. Sullivan	4 45	
J. W. L. Moulton	4 67	
Ray Bowden	4 90	
L. W. Batchelder	5 12	
	———	$90 05

WARD EIGHT

Paid J. Sumner Brown	$ 9 65	
Chas. E. Kimball	5 33	
		$14 98

WARD NINE

Paid Perley N. Cummings	$ 5 46	
Chas. W. Perkins	8 66	
Chas. L. Webber	3 33	
Frank Sargent	2 67	
		$20 12

Highway Wards

WARD ONE

Paid Addison Williams	$31 50	
B. F. Burchstead	10 00	
W. H. Beck	11 08	
H. D. Stillman	23 00	
J. W. Higgins	4 00	
Timothy Higgins	4 00	
D. W. Preston	11 00	
Winslow Day	9 40	
B. F. Hawkins	80	
		$104 78

WARD TWO

Paid S. M. Hill	$19 10	
Frank Taylor	6 00	
J. Williams	6 00	
C. Powers	6 00	
G. Haskell	6 00	
Frank Tibbetts	6 00	
Joseph Knowlton, gravel	5 60	
		$54 70

WARD THREE

Paid Charles Wilkins	$51 00	
Royden Young	1 10	
S. R. Prince Co.	48 53	
Edward B. Cole	59 50	
Chas. S. Gwinn	29 13	
		$189 26

WARD FOUR

Paid A. M. Harrigan	$22 25	
C. W. Perkins	7 00	
I. W. Heywood	4 00	
		$33 25
Chas. S. Gwinn drainpipe,	9 63	
		$42 88

WARD FIVE

Paid Chas. W. Perkins	$ 7 52	
Daniel A. Homan	3 22	
Samuel K. Evans	29 08	
S. M. Knowlton	1 55	
F. H. Tarr	16 12	
I. W. Heywood	4 80	
W. T. Tucker	10 44	
Raymond Tarr	1 33	
T. W. Batchelder	1 81	
P. N. Cummings	7 00	
John Forest	2 00	
C. B. Dodge	1 78	
F. Stanley, gravel	3 50	
J. M. Barnes	5 00	
G. W. Jones	2 00	
		$ 97 15

WARD SIX

Paid Thomas M. Barnes	$40	98	
Eben P. Stanley	15	00	
Roy Stanley	6	00	
G. W. Jones	6	00	
Warren Jones	6	00	
J. D. Barnes, gravel	4	70	
			$78 68

WARD SEVEN

Paid J. Frank Crockett	$77	47	
D. A. Harrigan	17	00	
Thomas M. Barnes	15	00	
Perley N. Dodge	15	00	
Michael Sullivan	15	00	
W. S. Putnam	15	00	
Geo. V. Bowden	12	00	
A. H. Peabody	12	00	
Otis Alley	4	00	
E. L. Kimball	4	00	
J. F. Kent	4	00	
Sidney S. Cook	3	50	
Geo. A. Perkins	5	00	
Lowring P. Rust, gravel	2	70	
			$201 67

WARD EIGHT

Paid J. Sumner Brown	$36	55	
Chas. H. Stanton	8	00	
Perley N. Dodge	5	00	
L. W. Batchelder	10	50	
E. L. Kimball	6	00	
Chas. E. Kimball	5	78	
J. Sumner Brown	8	50	
			$80 33

WARD NINE

Paid Chas. W. Perkins	$29 90	
Daniel A. Homan	14 22	
Chas. L. Webber	2 44	
Albert W. Dodge	44	
Perley N. Cummings	10 00	
John Williams	4 00	
Otis Clark	4 88	
Geo. W. Jones	3 50	
	———	$69 38

Extra Highway

Paid Horace E. Durgin, labor	$ 65	
F. P. Stanton, supplies	4 28	
C. S. Gwinn, supplies	9 00	
Herbert W. Porter, labor on guard railing	37 50	
J. F. Pope & Son, stock for guard railing	34 47	
Arthur C. Cummings, teaming water	32 00	
	———	$117 90

Extra Highway work in reconstructing Grapevine Road in Wards one and two

Paid Connolly Brothers amt. of contracts	$3013 29	
Joseph Knowlton, gravel	48 40	
Total amount expended on Grapevine Road		$3061 96
Total amount expended under this department		$3179 59

Note—Of the amount expended on Grapevine Road, $1773 29 was contributed by Hon. Wm. D. Sohier, representing the following subscribers:— William H. Moore, T. C. Hollander, John A. Burnham, Charles D. Sias, Mrs. A. M. Kidder, Maxwell Norman, L. C. Fenno, F. H. Prince, John K. Dodge, H. C. Frick.

Mr. Sohier also expended the sum of $247 63, in gravelling and rolling certain portions of this road, which was paid by him direct to the contractor and which is not included in the above highway account.

Fire Department

Paid Fred H. Brooks, stock and labor	$22 00	
John Girdler, coal	27 00	
William F. Homan, janitor	50 00	
William F. Homan, cleaning hose	1 50	
J. E. Ropes, repairing pump	75	
Fred P. Stanton, supplies 1904–5	48 65	
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies 1904–5	17 37	
Fred S. Knowlton, labor at brush fire	60	
Warren Jones " " "	1 50	
Daniel A. Homan, watching fires	4 65	
Frank B. Crowell, " "	1 76	
Horace A. Killam "	2 00	
S. C. Gould, supplies	12 31	
Horace E. Andrews, "	3 34	
James H. Perkins, "	4 70	
Horace E. Durgin, labor and supplies	9 85	
S. M. Knowlton, wood	3 00	
H. B. Pulsifer (clerk) salary of company	48 00	
Robert Robertson Co., repairs	12 20	
	———	$271 18

Street Lighting

Paid Welsbach Street Lighting Co.	$1518 91	

Poor Department

Harriet Casson

Paid City of Salem, aid furnished	$30 50	

Matilda Stanley

Paid Mrs. H. E. Folsom, Board	86 00	

Mrs. Terrio

Paid City of Salem, aid furnished	$22 50	

Eliza Wallace

Paid C. S. Gwinn, coal & wood	7 75	
Pulsifer and Brewer, supplies	1 92	
A. D. & W. F. Trowt "	6 91	
Dr. C. H. Davis, medical attendance	8 00	
		$ 24 58

Family of Arthur F. Merrill

Paid City of Salem, aid furnished	$68 35	

Mary Tuttle

Paid Town of Peabody, board and supplies	139 80	

Family of Harry Williams

Paid Town of Hingham, aid furnished	149 21	
Total		$520 94

Soldier's Relief

Mrs. C. C. Soper

Cash paid for aid	$24 00	
Paid Joseph F. Kent, wood	10 00	
Dr. H. K. Foster, attendance	82 00	
Town of Peabody, fuel	47 00	
W. T. Lee, medicine	44 00	
		$207 00

Annie M. Babcock

Paid City of Melrose, aid furnished	$131 91	

Mrs. Thomas Clark

Paid Cash for aid	96 00	

Joseph Addison

Paid A. D. & W. F. Trowt, groceries furnished	52 00	
		$486 91

New Fire Cistern, corner of Main St., & Larch Row

Paid Charles S. Gwinn, amount of contracts	$260 02	

Tree Warden's Department

Paid Arthur M. Harrigan, labor	$194 25	
Bowker Incecticide Co. supplies,	15 00	
A. R. & W. F. Trowt, supplies	1 00	
	———	$210 25

Gypsy and Browntail Moth Work

Paid H. W. Woodason, use of team	$66 17	
H. W. Hoodason, labor	97 33	
T. Glavin, "	84 83	
C. L. Alexander "	71 11	
George W. Jones, "	78 56	
W. C. Clifford, "	42 56	
Arthur Knowlton, "	80 58	
C. T. Quimby, "	40 56	
Edmund L. Batchelder, labor	40 56	
Daniel A. Homan, "	80 00	
Roy Stanley, "	44 89	
Lester C. Stanley, "	31 11	
H. Sawyer, "	56 25	
I. W. Hayward, "	55 11	
R. L. Singleton, "	17 50	
W. T. Tucker, "	8 00	
Thomas M. Barnes, teaming	38 61	
John W. Goodhue, supplies	30 28	
J. N. Crowe, extention ladder,	9 60	
H. E. Durgin, repairing poles,	1 55	
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, sundries	5 39	
E. R. Woodason, clerical work	6 00	
H. W. Woodason, car fare & supplies	1 80	
Citizen Printing Co., circulars	4 85	
B. & M. R. R. freight	25	
American Casualty Co., insurance	50 00	
	————	$1043 45

Note—Of the above amount the sum of $623 25 was reimbursed by the Commonwealth.

Town Officers

Town Clerk

Paid Wellington Pool, salary	$60 00

Moderator

Paid Horace E. Durgin, salary	$ 5 00

Treasurer

Paid Horace E. Durgin, salary	$100 00

Auditor

Paid George E. Norris (1904)	$20 00

Election Officers

Paid Harry B. Pulsifer	$5 00	
Fred S. Knowlton	2 50	
J. Kavanagh	2 00	
Otis D. Brewer	2 50	
Charles H. McQueeny	2 50	
Herbert W. Porter	2 50	
Nathaniel P. Perkins	2 50	
	———	$19 50

Sealer of Weights and Measurers

Paid James H. Perkins, services	$14 00

Selectmen

Paid Herbert W. Porter, 29½ days	73 75	
Journeys out of town & expense	12 00	
use of team	7 00	
distributing town reports	2 00	
Nathaniel P. Perkins, 23 days	$57 50	
perambulating town lines	2 50	
service with state aid agent & team	2 00	
distributing town Reports	1 00	
Charles H. McQueeny, 15 days	37 50	
use of team	7 50	
Otis D. Brewer, 9 days	22 50	
distributing town reports	1 00	
	———	$226 25

Assessors

Paid Nathaniel P. Perkins, 15 days'	$37 50	
Journeys out of town and expenses	19 00	
Herbert W. Porter, 9 days' '	22 50	
Journeys out of town & expense	6 40	
Charles H. McQueeny, 10½ days'	26 25	
		$111 65

Overseers of the Poor

Paid Nathaniel P. Perkins, services	$10 00	
Herbert W. Porter, "	5 00	
Charles H. McQueeny, "	5 00	
Journey out of town & expenses	1 50	
		$21 50

Registrars of Voters

Paid Wellington Pool, 7 sessions	$8 75	
Nathaniel P. Perkins, 5 "	6 25	
Herbert W. Porter, 5 "	6 25	
use of team	1 00	
Charles H. McQueeny 4 "	5 00	
use of team	1 00	
Otis D. Brewer, 2 sessions	2 50	
		$30 75

School Committee

Paid George V. Bowden, services	$70 00	
Elbridge Porter, "	35 00	
Addison Williams, "	29 20	
		$134 20

Police

Paid John R. Sargent, services, 1904	$11 50	
Henry P. Brewer, services & cash paid	27 20	
George V Bowden, "	20 00	
Charles F. Dudley, "	2 00	
		$60 70

Board of Health

Paid Beverly Times for printing	$ 1 25	

Inspector of Animals and Provisions

Paid Henry Alley, inspector of animals,	$25 00	
" " " Provisions	35 00	
		$60 00

Tax Collector

Paid F. P. Stanton, collector for 1903, salary	$75 00

Military Aid

Paid Benjamin F. Burchstead	$74 00	
Benjamin F. Young	144 00	
Daniel A. Homan	144 00	
		$362 00

State Aid

Paid Mary E. Woodman	$48 00
Edward F. Stanley	48 00
Mary A. Stanley	48 00
Mary A. Burpee	8 00
Rebecca D. Johnson	48 00
Henry P. Brewer	72 00

George W. Pierce	$28 00	
Allen W. Dodge	54 00	
Joseph Addison	67 50	
Elbridge Stanley	72 00	
Richard A. Bridges	4 00	
Hannah H. Bridges	4 00	
		$501 50

Town Hall Expenses

Paid John Girdler, coal	$57 27	
William Tucker, labor on grounds	18 14	
Robert Robertson Co., repairs	4 40	
H. E. Durgin "	5 55	
H. W. Porter "	10 36	
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies	4 47	
Wellington Pool, janitor service	51 71	
" " supplies, etc.	13 70	
		$165 60

Care of Park

Paid Wellington Pool, labor	$13 30

Care of Tramps

Paid John C. Richards, services	$50 00	
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies	1 15	
		$51 15

The number of travelers cared for from Jan. 1, 1905 to Jan. 1, 1906 was 198. The oldest one cared for was 62 years, the youngest 18 years. Nationality, Irish, 190; English, 3; American, 3; German 1; Scotch, 1;

Number been here before, 30.

Trades and employments represented. Laborers, 103; shoemakers, 35; sailors, 1; hostlers, 4; machinists, 3; linemen, 2; tinsmiths, 4; carpenters, 3; dyers, 1; weavers, 1; painters, 8; teamsters 5; moulders, 2; blacksmiths, 3; jeweller, 1; gardeners, 3; plumber 1; stonecutters, 2; woodcarver, 1; farmers, 8; hotel porter, 1; harnes maker, 1; carriagesmith, 1; cook, 1; woodchoppers, 2.

Number seeking work, 198.

Town Incidentals

Paid Fred P. Stanton, printing tax-bills	$ 4	50
Barry Printing Co., registration blanks	1	70
H. W. Porter, repairing scales	19	85
H. W. Porter, cash paid for incidentals	7	37
Chubbuck Furnace Co., repairs on furnace	23	19
Citizen Printing Co., printing reports, etc.	82	05
Irving W. Allen, printing ballots, etc.	25	50
Arthur D. Prince, cash paid for printing	1	87
Wenham Veteran Association cash	75	00
P. Murphy, dog blanks	2	50
N. E. Telephone Co., tolls	6	17
Malden Specialty Co. marking acid	1	50
J. Kavanagh, water rental	15	00
Salem Evening News, advertising	2	50
Robert Robertson Co., repairs on engine	7	78
William T. Tucker, care of soldiers lot,	2	50
Lilla D. Stoot, abstracts	9	50
Alden P. White, legal services	101	90
B. H. Conant, care of town clock	20	00
W. F. Trowt, insurance on parsonage,	15	00
Salem Plating Co., plating standard weights	6	50
A. J. Barton, boundary posts	119	00
Thomas M. Barns, use of team (Selectmen)	2	50
J. H. Perkins, Jr., incidentals	1	56
H. E. Durgin, labor & cash paid	4	10
John R. Sargent, labor on pump	3	00
Wellington Pool, returning vital statistics	15	90
" " " vote for representative	2	00
" " administering oaths	4	50
N. B. Perkins, cash paid for stationery & postage etc.	3	50
		$587 94

Summary of Town Expenses

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

	Received	Expended	Balance
Town appropriation	$4350 00		
From town incidentals	134 20		
From other sources	901 54		
	5385 74	$4876 62	$ 509 12

FIRE DEPARTMENT

			Overdraft
Town appropriation	200 00	271 18	71 18

PUBLIC LIBRARY

			Balance
Town appropriation	220 00		
Balance from 1904	19 88		
Received from fines	8 38		
	248 26	169 49	78 77

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

			Balance
Town appropriation	500 00		
From Town of Merrimac	52 00		
	552 00	486 91	65 09

HIGHWAY REPAIRS

Town appropriation	1200 00	918 83	281 17

EXTRA HIGHWAY WORK

Town appropriation	1000 00		
Street R.R. excise tax	534 67		
Private subscription	1773 29		
	3307 96	3179 59	128 37

FIRE CISTERN LARCH ROW

	Received	Expended	Balance
Town appropriation	300 00	260 02	39 98

TREE WARDEN

			Overdraft
Town appropriation	100 00	210 25	110 25

STREET LIGHTING

Town appropriation	1500 00	1518 91	18 91

POOR DEPARTMENT

Town appropriation	500 00	520 94	20 94

INTEREST

Town appropriation	178 50	
Interest on Mary Perkins fund		150 00
Interest on Allen fund		28 50
		178 50

TOWN INCIDENTALS

Town appropriation	2200 00	
State aid reimbursed	463 00	
Military aid reimbursed	186 00	
State reimbursement acct. of moth work	623 25	
From unexpended balances	795 24	
Town officers and police		939 80
Removing snow		602 75
Gypsy and Browntail moth work		1043 45
Town hall		165 60
Care of tramps		51 15
Care of park		13 30
State and Military aid		863 50
Other incidental expenses		587 94
	$4267 49	$4267 49

Tax Collector's Report

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1900

Dr. to balance on tax list		$93 05
Cr. uncollected taxes		$93 05

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1901

Dr. to balance on tax list	66 09	
" Interest on taxes	2 46	
		68 55
Cr. by payments to treasurer	8 52	
" abatements	2 00	
Uncollected taxes	58 03	
		$68 55

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1902

Dr. to balance on tax list	131 57	
" Interest on taxes	4 68	
		$136 25
Cr. by payments to treasurer	66 37	
" abatements	12 00	
Uncollected taxes	57 88	
		$136 25

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1903

Dr. to balance on tax list	429 48	
" Interest on taxes	14 48	
		$443 96
Cr. by payments to treasurer	256 01	
Abatements	14 00	
Uncollected taxes	173 95	
		$443 96

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1904

Dr. to balance of tax list	4649 51	
" Interest on taxes	63 59	
		$4713 10
Cr. by payments to treasurer	3545 10	
" abatements	403 20	
Uncollected taxes	764 80	
		$4713 10

F. P. Stanton, Collector for 1905

Dr. to tax list for 1905	16946 80	
" additions to tax list	88 00	
Interest on taxes		
Boston & Northern St. R.R. excise tax	534 67	
		$17569 47
Cr. by payments to treasurer	12593 47	
" Discount on early payments of taxes	64 12	
" abatements		
Uncollected taxes	4911 88	
		$17569 47

Treasurer's Report

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH H. E. DURGIN, TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1905		$6692 61
From the Commonwealth,	national bank tax,	654 96
" "	national balance, 1904	17 85
" "	corporation tax	1862 39
" "	corporation balance, 1904	592 68
" "	street railway tax	460 83
" "	state & military aid	649 00
" "	½ comp. of inspector of animals	12 50
" "	school superintendent	250 00
" "	gypsy moth work	623 05
City of Boston, education of children		61 50
" Salem, Longham taxes		98 44
Town of Merrimac, soldiers' relief		52 00
County dog tax		225 52
Wm. D. Sohier, agent		1773 29
Wellington Pool, rent of hall and piano		24 75
Wm. F. Trowt, town weigher		20 85
Benjamin H. Conant, librarian, fines etc.		8 38
James H. Perkins, Jr., druggists' licenses		1 00
For junk dealers' licenses,		8 00
" rent of parsonage,		20 00
" tuition of school children		30 00
" rebate on school tickets		56
" interest on deposits		57 87
" cemetery lots		279 00
From Fred P. Stanton, Collector on account of taxes		16469 47
		$30946 50

PAYMENTS

State tax	$4160 00
County tax	3799 85
State of Mass., ¼ druggists' licenses	25
Repairs on state highway	55 06
New School house fund	1000 00
Interest on Allen cemetery fund	54 14
" on Mary Perkins fund,	80 00
Cemetery commissioners	202 95
Selectmen's orders	16546 28
Balance in treasurey	5047 97
	$30946 50

New School House Fund

H. E. Durgin, Treasurer

Balance in treasury, Jan. 1, 1905	$5647 38
Amount appropriated	1000 00
Interest on same	187 05
Balance in fund	$6834 43

Financial Statement

LIABILITIES

Note due trustees of Mary Perkins fund	$3000 00
Interest on the same to Jan. 1st, 1906	391 66
Note due trustees of Allen cemetery fund	475 00
Interest on the same to Jan. 1st, 1906	42 16
Amount due "Peters Hill" memorial fund	200 00
" " Cemetery Commissioners	227 31
" " School department	509 12
" " Trustees of public library	78 77
Estimate of outstanding bills	2000 00
	$6924 02

RESOURCES

Due from State of Mass., state aid furnished	501 50
" " " military aid furnished	181 00
" F. P. Stanton, tax collector for 1900	93 05
" " " " " 1901	58 03
" " " " " 1902	57 88
" " " " " 1903	173 95
" " " " " 1904	764 80
" " " " " 1905	4911 88
" Town of Hamilton ½ cost of boundary Stones	59 50
" City of Lynn for aid furnished Elijah Wallace	24 58
Balance in the treasury	5047 97
	$11874 14
Total Liabilities	6924 02
Balance in favor of the town	$4950 12

Report of Trustees of Mary Perkins Fund

Unexpended balance Jan. 1, 1905	$321 66	
Amount of aid furnished needy persons	80 00	
	$241 66	
One year interest to Jan. 1, 1906	$150 00	
Unexpended balance Jan. 1, 1906	391 66	
Balance		391 66

Report of Trustees of Allen Fund

Unexpended balance June 6, 1905	$67 80	
Interest for one year to Jan. 1, 1906	28 50	
		$ 96 30

Expended from the Allen Fund

Paid S. R. Prince Co., fertilizer	$1 85	
T. M. Barnes "	6 00	
Warren Jones, labor	13 90	
D. A. Homan "	10 00	
Geo. W. Jones, "	1 56	
T. M. Batchelder "	7 00	
S. K. Evans, "	10 00	
W. T. Tucker, "	3 00	
Hamilton Hardware Store, seeds	83	
	———	$54 14
	Balance	42 16

Assessors' Report

Number of assessed polls	254
Tax on each poll	$2 00
Value of assessed personal property	$978375 00
" " buildings	660550 00
" " land	415925 00
Total valuation	$2,054,850 00
Tax on polls	508 00
Tax on real estate	8611 80
Tax on personal property	7827 00
Total tax	16946 80
Rate of tax per one thousand dollars	8 00
Number of horses assessed	209
" cows "	314
" swine "	160
" fowls "	1300
" acres of land assessed	4622
" dwelling houses "	272
" persons assessed on property	439
" " " " poll only	89
Total number of persons assessed	528

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commissioners make the following report for the year ending January 1st, 1906.

We have tried to keep the avenues as free from weeds as we could; raking them over quite often. We also have put 14 loads of screened gravel on Locust Avenue, trimmed trees, set out maple trees dug around all the trees that have been set out lately and have put fertilizer around them all. The interest of the Allen fund has been spent in the old yard which is very old, some grave stones are dated back to 1710, which were very much out of shape. We have righted them all up, made it look as well as wecould. From the old ministers' lots we took off the old soil and put on new soil and fertilizer and sowed them down, which was a great improvement. The Cemetery Commissioners organized with Warren Jones, chairman, and S. K. Evans, secretary.

Financial Statement

EXPENDITURES

Warren Jones	$48 35	
D. A. Homan	33 00	
S. K. Evans	62 20	
Geo. W. Jones	14 98	
H. W. Porter	10 61	
A. B. Knowlton	89	
J. W. Philbrick	11 25	
J. F. Pope & Son	2 82	
Pay Rate	17 60	
H. E. Durgin	1 25	
		$202 95

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, 1905	$151 26	
Received from B. H. Tracy	$10 00	
" " Joseph Lake	40 00	
" " C. H. Gilbert	5 00	
" " Frank S. Taylor	14 00	

Received from	L. E. Merrill	40 00
"	" C. H. Gilbert	5 00
"	" C. W. Patch	25 00
"	" M. B. Robins	40 00
"	" W. F. Trowt	40 00
"	" C. F. Dudley	20 00
"	" P. L. Cummings	40 00
		$430 26

WARREN JONES
D. A. HOMAN
S. K. EVANS
} Cemetery Com.

List of Jurors

Nathaniel P. Perkins, farmer
Jacob D. Barnes, motorman
Frank E. Perkins, meat dealer
Henry D. Stillman, farmer
J. Sumner Brown, farmer
George W. Jones, laborer
Paterick H. Kavanagh, retired
Frank Cole, farmer
James B. Pickett, R. E. agent
David Pingree, farmer
Edward L. Rollins, painter
Benjamin F. Young, undertaker
William T. Tucker, laborer
Charles W. Bixby, farmer

Auditor's Report

The undersigned, having examined the accounts of the several officers, finds the sums correct with vouchers for the payments.

W. ARTHUR TROWT, Auditor.

Feb. 15, 1906.

TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

1905

Twenty-one births (fourteen males and seven females), eight marriages and twenty-seven deaths were recorded in Wenham in 1905, including eight non-residents brought to Wenham for interment.

Deaths.

1905			Years	Months	Days
Jan.	17	Melvin Alfred Cook	—	2	4
	22	Simeon Dodge (Co. C, 8th. Mass. Reg., Vol. Inf.)	64	11	—
	27	Lottie (Day) Batchelder	68	2	23
	30	Lydia E. (Cook) Jones	75	7	16
Feb.	20	Mary A. (White) Burpee	70	2	20
Mar.	2	Thomas Wakefield	40	—	—
	7	Sarah J. (Peabody) Peabody	71	—	—
	25	Samuel P. Currier	35	5	16
April	4	Elijah B. Wallace	65	—	8
May	11	Sarah M. (Bradbury) Merrill. (died in Boston.)	59	6	11
	31	Jacob E. Dodge	76	11	21
July	9	Stillborn	—	—	—
	25	Charles F. Dudley	51	—	10
Sept.	28	Sally L. (Dodge) Homan	88	4	28
Oct.	13	Matilda S.Standley(died in Peabody)	59	7	27
Nov.	16	Abbie J. (Davis) Moulton	75	4	18
	20	Albert Scott Cummings	3	6	6
Dec.	5	Lucy J. (Crowell) Hawkins	53	—	29
	17	Emily A. (Hunt) McCulloch (died in Malden.)	82	11	19

List of Non-residents brought to Wenham for Interment in 1905

1905			Years	Months	Days
Jan.	23	Kenneth E. Merrill	—	5	18
May	11	John C. Batchelder, M.D.	41	—	2
June	15	Nellie W. (Stanley) Collins	33	—	—
July	16	Arthur W. Phinney	24	1	16
Aug.	5	Theodore P. Ober (Co. G. 2d Maine Reg. Also in the U. S.Navy.)	64	5	10

1905			Years	Months	Days
Sept.	6	Stillborn	—	—	—
Nov.	13	Albert Moulton	65	—	—
Dec.	11	Franklin K. Merrill	72	7	26

Dogs

One hundred and five dogs, eighty-eight males and seventeen females were licensed (plus one breeder's license $25 00) and from the amount received therefor the sum of two hundred and sixty-five dollars was paid into the county treasury; the sum of two hundred and thirteen dollars and sixty cents ($213 60) has been refunded to the town.

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

Recommendations.

The Selectmen recommend that the following sums be appropriated for current expenses for the fiscal year 1906:

For town incidentals	2200 00
Highway repairs	1000 00
Extra highway work	1000 00
Street Lighting	1540 00
Poor Department	500 00
Soldiers Relief	500 00
Interest	178 50
Fire department	200 00
Tree warden's department	25 00
Exterminating moth pests	850 00

Recommendation of the Finance and Advisory Committee.

The Finance and Advisory Committee have considered the various articles as are presented in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting and make the following recommendations.

Under Article 3.

School Department	$3,550 00
Town Incidentals	2,200 00
Highway Repairs	1,000 00

Extra Highway Work	1,000 00	
Poor Department	500 00	
Soldiers' Relief	500 00	
Extermination of Moth Pest	840 00	
Street Lighting	1,540 00	
Fire Department	200 00	
Public Library	100 00	
Interest	178 50	
Tree Warden's Department	25 00	
		$11,633 50

Under Article 6.

Recommend that the sum of $75.00 be appropriated from the sum raised for Incidentals, for the expenses of Memorial Day: the same to be used under the direction of the soldiers and sailors of Wenham.

Under Article 7.

That a sufficient sum to pay State and Military Aid be appropriated from the sum raised for Town Incidentals.

Under Article 9.

That the Selectmen be given authority to contract with some street lighting company for the same number of street lights as are now in use, for a term of years.

Under Article 10.

That the street lighting service on Cherry St. be extended by the addition of five more lights and that $110.00 be raised and appropriated for the same.

Under Article 11.

That no action be taken.

Under Article 12.

That no action be taken

Under Article 13.

That the Town Clerk be given authority to employ a stenographer to assist him in reporting town-meeting proceedings; the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Town Incidentals.

Under Article 14

That no action be taken.

Under Article 15,

That the Town accept the provisions of Section 85 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, which provides for the appointment of a Superintendent of Streets.

Under Article 16.

1st section. That no action be taken.

2nd section. That the School House Building Committee be authorized to proceed with the erection and completion of a four room school building on the land purchased for this purpose.

That to carry out the purpose of this vote the fund in the Town Treasury known as the New School House Fund together with such additions as shall hereafter be made to such sum, shall be subject to the order of said Committee.

That the authority given under this vote shall include authority to grade, fence or otherwise improve the lot.

3rd section. First, that the Town appropriate from the surplus in the Town Treasury the sum of $1,000.00: said sum to be added to the New School House Fund. Second. That the Town borrow $8,000.00 on its notes, and that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen make, issue and sell the same as provided in Chapter 27 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts. Said notes to be of the denomination of $1,000 00 each bearing interest at the rate of four per cent per annum and to be severally numbered from one to eight and to be paid in numerical order, one at the end of one year from the date of issue, one at the end of two years, and one at the end of each succeeding year, until all are paid; and that the proceeds of the sale of these notes shall be added to the New School House Fund.

Under Article 18.

That no action be taken.

ARTHUR D. PRINCE,
Clerk Finance and Advisory Com.

List of Department Expenses.

School department	$4,742 42
Public Library	169 49

Fire department	271 18
Highway Repairs	918 83
Extra Highway expenses	3,179 59
Removing snow	602 75
Soldiers' Relief	486 91
Town incidentals	587 94
Town officers and police	939 80
Street Lighting	1518 91
Tree warden's department	210 25
Fire cistern	260 02
Town Hall expense	165 60
Poor department	520 94
Tramps	51 15
Gypsy moth & brown tail work	1,043 45
Care of park	13 30
State and Military aid	863 50
New school house fund	1,000 00
Interest on Trust funds	178 50
State tax	4,160 00
County tax	3,799 85
Repairs on state highway	55 06
Cemetery Commissioners orders	202 95
	$25,942 39

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at six of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles: (Election of officers by "Official Ballot" from 6 A. M. to 10 A. M.)

1st. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing and to see if the Town will vote to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

2d. To act on the reports of the Selectmen, School Committee, Trustees of the Public Library, Cemetery Commissioners and other Town officers.

3d. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year; make appropriation of the same and determine the manner of collecting.

4th. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, said loan or loans to be paid from said taxes.

5th. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, or act anything thereon.

6th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expenses of "Memorial Day," the same to be used under the direction of the soldiers and sailors of Wenham.

7th. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay the State and Military Aid for the ensuing year.

8th. To see what action the Town will take in regard to truant scholars.

9th. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to contract with some street lighting company to light the streets for a term of years, or act anything thereon.

10th. To see if the Town will vote to extend the street lighting service on Cherry Street as requested by Wolcott H. Johnson, B. W. Currier and others, or act anything thereon.

11th. To see if the town will vote to purchase an additional snow-plow for use in the center of the Town or act anything thereon. (Referred from the last annual meeting.)

12th. To see if the town will authorize the payment of the bill of Samuel K. Evans against the Cemetery Commissioners of 1903 or act anything thereon.

13th. To see if the town authorize the Town Clerk to employ a stenographer to assist him in reporting town meeting proceedings, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for incidentals, or act anything thereon, as per petition of B. F. Young and others.

14th. To see if the town will improve, by additions or otherwise, the street signs or act anything thereon, as per petition of Oscar Hosmer and others.

15th. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 85 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, which provides for the appointment of a Superintendent of Streets or act anything thereon.

16th. (1st.) To see if the town will vote to purchase a new school house lot, or act anything thereon.

(2d.) To see if the town will authorize the School House Building Committee to proceed with the construction of a four room school house as per plans selected by them or act anything thereon.

(3d.) To see if the town will vote to raise, appropriate or otherwise provide a sufficient sum of money to carry their plans into effect or act anything thereon.

17th. To see if the town will vote to accept the bequest of the late George Henry Tilton or act anything thereon.

18th. To see if the town will vote to place two street lights on Lake avenue or act anything thereon as per petition of Elbridge Porter and others

19th. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town House, one at the Post Office, one at each of the two meeting houses, one at the chapel at Mapleville, and one at the eastern part of the town near the residence of John K. Dodge, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, To the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and six

HERBERT W. PORTER,
NATH'L P. PERKINS,
CHAS. H. McQUEENY
} Selectmen of Wenham.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1905

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of the Town of Wenham:

The Committee herewith submit their annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905. The following is an account of the receipts and expenditures for the year just closed:

RECEIPTS

Balance from last year	$ 333	96
Dog tax	225	52
City of Boston, tuition	61	50
Tuition of Violet Batchelder	20	00
" " Abbot Preston	10	00
Rebate on school tickett		56
State allowance for superintendent	250	00
	$ 901	54

Appropriations

For teaching	$1,840	00
Fuel and Janitor service	300	00
Supplies and Incidentals	380	00
Superintendent's salary	320	00
High School Tuition	1,150	00
High School Transportation	360	00
From Town incidentals for pay of School Com.	134	20
	$5385	74

Expenditures

SUPERINTENDENT

Andrew S. Thompson

Paid Salary for May and November	$ 310 00

TEACHING

Center Grammer

Paid Georgia M. Rodick, 23 weeks to June 16,	$ 299 00
Julia M. Shipman, 15 weeks to Dec. 22,	195 00
Gertrude Whitney, assistant, 38 weeks to Dec. 22,	190 00
	$ 684 00

Primary School

Susie M. Kelley, 23 weeks to June 16,	$ 299 00
Harriet L. Abbott, 15 weeks to Dec. 22	150 00
	$ 449 00

Neck School

Belle D. Rogers, 23 weeks to June 16,	$ 230 00
Florence Norton, 15 weeks to Dec. 22	150 00
	$ 380 00

West School

Florence Norton, 23 weeks to June 16	230 00
Florence Tadgell, 15 weeks to Dec. 22	120 00
	$ 350 00

East School

Helen G. Story, 19 weeks to May 19	$ 142 00
Alice W. Brown, 5 weeks to Sept. 8,	40 00
S. Helen Kennison, 14 weeks to Dec. 22,	112 00
	$ 294 00

Music and Drawing

Paid Julia Goldman, 13 weeks	$ 58 50
Mrs. Mabel Dyer, music 8½ days,	42 50
Isabel Cline, drawing, 7 days	28 00
	$ 129 00

FUEL AND JANITORS

Paid Chas. H. Wilkins, wood for 2 years, Neck	$	36 00
John Girdler, coal		47 25
Chas. S. Gwinn, coal		6 75
Geo. V. Bowden, 1 cord wood, West		6 50
H. D. Stillman, wood for East		18 00
Town of Wenham, fuel for Grammar school		40 00
Louis Lovett, janitor service		18 50
Clara Williams " "		17 99
Mrs. Addison " "		45 85
Wellington Pool " "		64 47
Geo. V. Bowden " "		25 00
	$	326 31

SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS

Paid D. C. Heath & Co., charts and books	$	7 05
G. M. Rodie, codas.		90
Edward E. Babb & Co., books and supplies		152 11
Ginn & Co., books		40 58
I. H. Perkins Jr., supplies		5 49
Mrs. L. F. Trowt, making curtains		1 00
G. V. Bowden, various items and cash paid		9 96
Elbridge Porter, taking school census		15 00
" " Teaming		2 55
" " care of out houses		15 00
Boston & Maine R.R., freight		6 11
Robert Robertson, cups		60
Frank Shaler, tuning organ		3 25
A. S. Thompson, travel and other expenses		11 20
Patrick Corkery, cleaning vault		6 00
Addison Williams, labor & cash paid		12 40
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, sundries		3 11
H. E. Durgin, repairs		1 25
Chas. F. Elliott, labor & stock		5 20
	$	298 76

REPAIRS

Paid H. W. Porter, repairs of school houses		9 73
Geo. H. Woodbury, plastering		2 00
Elbridge Porter, labor and stock		8 75

Whitcomb, Carter Co., supplies for repairs		11 22
Geo. V. Bowden, labor on school houses		15 35
John W. Goodhue, oil		2 90
A. C. Lunt, chairs and repairing stove		7 00
A. H. Andrews, 14 desks and chairs		43 00
American Sch. Fur. Co., 4 desks		9 00
		$ 108 95

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Paid City of Salem, for one year for		
Robert L. Dodge	$ 50 00	
L. Fred Kilham	50 00	
Roland H. Patch	50 00	
Randolph A. Dodge	50 00	
Florence Alley	50 00	
Addie M. Williams	50 00	
Blanch D. Young	50 00	
Chas. T. Quimby, one half year	25 00	
		$ 375 00

Paid City of Beverly, for one year to June 30, 1905		
Marcia Perkins	$ 50 00	
Horace P. Dodge	50 00	
Ruth E. Bowden	50 00	
Alice Parker	50 00	
Roscoe Batchelder	50 00	
Richard Gould	50 00	
Melvina Stanton	50 00	
Ella Knowlton	50 00	
Hattie M. Parker	50 00	
Lena W. Parker	50 00	
Bessie Pembroke	50 00	
Wesley Dodge	50 00	
Fred W. Eaton	50 00	
Raymond Tarr	50 00	
Ida Hawkins	50 00	
		$ 750 00

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Amount expended to Dec. 31	$ 286 20

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paid Geo. V. Bowden, services to Dec. 31	$ 70 00
Elbridge Porter, " "	35 00
Addison Williams " "	29 20
	$ 134 20

SUMMARY

Appropriations

Teaching	$1840 00	
Fuel and Janitor service	300 00	
Supplies and Incidentals	380 00	
Superintendent's salary	320 00	
High School Tuition	1150 00	
High School Transportation	360 00	
		$4350 00

Receipts

Balance from 1904	$ 333 96	
Dog tax	225 52	
City of Boston	61 50	
Mrs. G. S. Batchelder	20 00	
Chas. Preston	10 00	
Rebate on ticket	56	
State allowance for Superintendent	250 00	
From Town Incidentals	134 20	
		$5385 74

Expenditures

Teaching	$2,286 70	
Fuel and Janitor service	326 31	
Supplies and Incidentals	299 26	
Repairs	108 95	
Superintendent	310 00	
High School tuition	1125 00	
High School transportation	286 20	
School Committee	134 20	
		$4876 62
To Balance		509 12
		$5385 74

Pupils in Salem High School from Wenham.

L. Fred Kilham
Addie M. Williams
Roland H. Patch
Florence Alley
Blanch D. Young
Robert L. Dodge
Randolph A. Dodge

In Beverly High School

Horace P. Dodge
Alice Parker
Richard Gould
Ella Knowlton
Lena M. Parker
Albert W. Dodge
Raymond Tarr
Grace E. Perkins
Walter L. Barker
Alden W. Batchelder
Ruth E. Bowden
Roscoe Batchelder
Melvina Stanton
Hattie M. Parker
Mary E. Pembroke
Fred W. Eaton
Sarah Brock
John D. Woodason
Frances Pembroke
Chester Brown
Jesse E. Wilson

Nine of our High School scholars will graduate this year, and we expect that more than that number will enter in September next.

Wenham had thirty scholars in High Schools last September but two have since removed from town leaving twenty-eight at the present time. The Committee considers this good evidence of the efficiency of our teachers in performing their duties especially when it is considered how poorly we are accomodated in regard to school buildings. And the Committee earnestly recommend that the citizens of this town sink all their differences as to location and unite on some lot and build a modern school house suited to our needs, that our children both present and prospective may feel that they are getting the full educational advantages which of right belong to them.

At the beginning of the school year we had an entire change of teachers with the exception of Miss Whitney at the Center, and Miss Norton of the West, who was transferred to the Neck School.

We have been fortunate in being able to secure good teachers but we do not hold them long as the demand for that kind exceeds the supply and other communities get them from us at a larger salary than we feel able to pay. The Committee feel well satisfied with the progress of our schools during the past year and would refer you to the report of the superintendent, which is appended and also the report of the supervisor of drawing for details.

The Committee ask for the following appropriations for the present year

For teaching	$1,150 00
Fuel and janitor	325 00
Supplies and Incidentals	325 00
Repairs	100 00
High School tuition	1,350 00
High School Transportation	300 00
	$3,550 00

Respectfully submitted

GEORGE V. BOWDEN
ELBRIDGE PORTER
ADDISON WILLIAMS
School Committee.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

To the School Committee,

Gentlemen:

Again it is my privilege to report to you the work and condition of our schools and to suggest to you and to the people of the town through you certain improvements that will be for the best interest of the schools of our town.

Last June there were ten pupils who completed the grammar course, eight of whom entered the Beverly High, in September. As there were nine to finish at the high school our number of pupils in high school was increased. We have now twenty-eight pupils in high school, which makes a large draft on the school appropriation. Present indications point to an increase of at least eight for next year over the number enrolled during the present year. We believe that this increase in High school attendance is an indication of progressive spirit in our graded schools. It speaks well for the ambition and enthusiasm of our teachers that more pupils are being inspired to take up advanced work. The highest test of a teacher is her ability to arouse ambition, to stimulate courage and to inculcate high ideals in her pupils. Everyone who possesses high ideals and courage is a success in the finest sense of the word.

NEW SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

The question of new school accommodations for the center of the town is still urgent. The imperative demands of larger and more suitable school room becomes more pressing each year. The number of school children in the center of the town is increasing each year. There have been over fifty children in the grammar school all this year. The plan of having the fourth and fifth grades recite to the assistant in the small room next to the library is positively necessary if they are to receive adequate instruction. Although this seems to be the only place it is extremely unsatisfactory. If this arrangement is to continue another year the room should be supplied with more suitable chairs.

With very few exceptions the townspeople agree that the library needs increased accommodations and that everyone would greatly enjoy a good reading room. The present grammar room would provide such a room if we had a new school house.

The condition in the primary school is even more alarming than in the grammar. Here forty to fifty little children are crowded together in a room properly large enough for little more than half that number. The air quickly becomes exhausted and vitiated ,which enervates the bodies and stupefies the minds of the children. If the citizens of Wenham will only visit this room when the school is in session and note the condition of the air we will have no more objecting to a new school house. When I go along the streets of our town, and observe how careful the people are to have their houses well aired and refreshed, I am impressed how thoughtless they are for the welfare of their children, who are in as unhealthy a condition as though ten persons were sleeping in an unventilated room. Let us hope that all differences of opinion will be merged in the common good and a new school house will soon be realized.

CHANGE OF TEACHERS

We regretted a change of so many of our teachers last year. Miss Helen Story resigned her position in the East school last spring to get married and Miss Alice Brown of Ipswich was secured to fill the vacancy. Miss Brown resigned just before school opened in September to take a school in Ipswich. Miss Kennison of Beverly was then hired for the place. Miss Susie Kelley, who had taught the Center primary with so much energy and ability for three years, resigned in June to be married. Miss Harriet Abbot, of Andover, a graduate of the three year course of the Bridgewater Normal School was secured tor the position. Miss Georgia M. Rodick of the grammar school resigned in June to take a more lucrative position in Milton. Miss Julia Shipman, a graduate of the three years' course in the Bridgewater Normal School and a teacher of experience was obtained to take the Center Grammar.

Mrs. Mary D. Rogers of the Neck school did not feel that she could do the work of so many grades and resigned in June. Miss Florence Norton wished to be transferred from the West school to the Neck to be nearer her home which is in Essex. The request was granted and Miss Florence Tadgell, a graduate of the Salem Normal, has taught the West school this year. Miss Julia Goldman, our enthusiastic teacher of music and drawing of last year, resigned to teach these subjects in the Beverly High School. Mrs. Mabel Dyer was employed for the fall term as music teacher and Miss Isabel Cline was secured for the work in drawing. The drawing teacher and music teacher alternate in the schools, one coming one week and the other

the next. Our teachers are enthusiastic and energetic and under their direction our schools are making good progress.

DRAWING

We have made a step in advance this year by making drawing a more important part of our school work. Drawing is in our school curriculum because of its close relation and definite value to the life and work of persons in general. This end is best secured when the drawing done in the schools is based upon objects of interest in the life of the home. Drawing furnishes a field of expression which not only gives great pleasure and an uplift of character to the individual, but also has a utilitarian value which will be recognized when we realize that it is the underlying principle of many mechanical industries as civil engineering, architecture, and many other trades. The pursuit of this branch will assist our pupils to rank well in the high schools to which they go, where drawing plays an important part. The course as outlined by our drawing teacher aims not merely to teach the children to make something pretty but designs throughout to train the observation, and give the skill to portray intelligently objects observed.

NATURE STUDY

The Improvement Association has been endeavoring to arouse an interest in Nature study by giving a prize for the best kept school garden. A prize is now offered for the best collection of specimens of woods of our native trees accompanied by a paper on native trees. The teachers have taken up the study of forests; their propogation, preservation and benefits; supplemented by a study of their growth and characteristics and insects injurious to them. This is a most com mendable work and we appreciate the interest shown by the Improvement Association in giving an impetus to the study. Our school work of the past has often shown a perverse tendency to lay emphasis upon information concerning remote subjects; and foreign languages, rather than to learn the familiar and usable language and life of our native animals, flowers and trees. The study of things useful in our every day life is one of the ways in which modern methods of education have improved over the older school education.

STUDIES

In introducing many subjects into the school curriculum it must, be understood that all shbjects are not held of equal importance, nor is an equal amount of time spent upon each. It is the purpose to

hold fast to the essentails, and to bring in as many allied subjects as possible as rest and recreation work. The essentials are to be mastered, the subsidiary subjects are to broaden the outlook and cultivate the sensibilities.

Reading certainly comes into the list of most necessary subjects, as it is through this medium that knowledge of all other subjects is largely obtained. The children are to be trained not only to express to others the thought on the printed page which is of vital importance, but easily and readily to interpret for themselves that same thought. Under the excellent system of reading now in vogue in our schools we certainly are gaining a mastery over this branch of learning.

Next to reading comes the ability to express in pure, idiomatic English one's ideas. Men are judged largely by what they say and write. Our schools are judged by the way in which the pupils write and speak. Sometimes this is unjust, as the home influence is so strong a factor in moulding the child's habits. There is a great effort being made to train pupils to write and speak fluently and correctly. Language is taught in every grade from the first in the primary to the last in the high school. The child is gaining, besides the mere rules of grammatical construction, the vastly more important attainment, a habit of correct speaking and an ability to express what is know in an easy, clear style.

The subject third in importance is a knowledge of the mechanical operations of numbers. In the first stages the subject should be taught by the use of objects, by measuring and estimating, that the child may surely undertsand what is meant and that his judgmənt may be trained. At present a great many prominent educators think that the effort to teach abstract number work in the first two grades is a waste of time and energy. We have been endeavoring to lay the stress in these grades upon construction work and the illustration of examples. This appeals to a child's perceptive faculties which are developed much earlier than the power of reasoning.

When the work in numbers is well started, great care is being exercised to see that the fundamental operations are performed rapidy and accurately. Advanced work in arithmetic comes easily when the attention of the pupil is not distracted by struggles with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, but when it can be concentrated upon tracing the steps in the reasoning processes. Time may be wasted in the primary grades in the attempt to teach logic under the guise of arithmetic. Mere mental gymnastics should not encroach upon abundant practice in the fundamental processes, in practical use of values, weights and measures; and actual business transactions.

Reading, (w)riting, and (a)rithmetic, "the three R's," are absolutely fundamental in gaining, preserving and communicating knowledge, and in transacting business; they should therefore, be the foundation of the work in the lower grades and be thoroughly mastered. Yet they should never be an end in themselves. A man might be able to spell and pronounce correctly every word in the English language, to punctuate perfectly, and grammatically construct a composition ,to write like a copy plate, to figure all combinations of sums. Yet if this were mere attainments, and not employed as a means to transact business, to communicate ideas of advancement, to become familiar with history and literature of all time through great books, periodicals, and the daily press, they are worthless.

ATTENDANCE

It is gratifying to note the high percent of attendance in our schools during the last year. An average of 95% shows that our townspeople are interested in having their children improve in the advantages of an education. This is much higher than the general average of the state and we trust it will be maintained during the present year.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the gift to the Neck school of an excellent organ by Mrs. E. B. Cole. This instrument is a source of great happiness to the pupils and is appreciated by all connected with the school.

As the measure of success in any undertaking depends upon the co-operation of those interested so the marked progress in this year's school work is the result of united action of all those in authority.

I wish to thank the teachers for their loyalty and the committee for their encouraging support.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW S. THOMSON,
Superintendent of schools.

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Superintendent of Schools, Wenham, Mass.,

Dear Sir:—

The work planned for our schools for the year 1905–1906 is as follows: In September and October we take up plant drawing and color; in November and December ,constructive drawing and design; in January, February and March, pictorial drawing, including familiar objects, animals and children; picture study is also begun at this time, in April, May and June, we again turn to plant drawing, making

designs for simple ornament derived from flowers or other spring life.

Our aim this year is to give the children the power to sketch any simple object from nature or from memory; to read working drawings a sense of good design and familiarity with the best examples of drawings, paintings architecture and sculpture.

Our desire throughout all branches is to create in those under our supervision an intelligent discernment and appreciation of the beautiful, "to make more general the knowledge of wherein beauty lies, and in awakening a love for it, by an acquaintance with the principles and their application, to lead to a wish for the acquisition of power to create and use the artistic for human enjoyment and benefit.

The most difficult problem we meet is the lack of a knowledge of the simple principles of drawing, in the higher grades. It has been so short a time since there was any systematic work in drawing we are often hampered by having to give the same elementary work in the eighth grade as in third and fourth grades.

But the enthusiasm of the teacher and pupils for the work makes no difficulty insurmountable and we hope to soon have a course of study in good working order.

Many thanks are due the teachers for their hearty co-operation and never failing interest.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL CLINE,

Supervisor of Drawing.

ROLL OF HONOR

Neck School

Ruth Cole	3	terms	Mildred Cole	1	term

Center Grammar

Louise Patch	3	terms	Edward Sargent	2	terms
Louise Whiting	2	"	John Wovelson	2	"
Ethel Perkins	2	"	Mildred Perkins	2	"
Eva Stanley	2	"	Ida Whiting	2	"
Walter Barker	1	"	Myron Clark	1	"
Elizabeth Perkins	1	"	Grace Perkins	1	"
Ruth Perkins	1	"	Josie Sargent	1	"
Raymond Trott	1	"	Florence Whiting	1	"
Kate O'Connor	1	"	Helen Tarr	1	"
Carrie Stanton	1	"	Alfred Elmore	1	"

Center Primary

Mary Trefry	1	"	Florence Underhill	1	term

Addie Whiting	1	"	Helen Trott	1	"
Marion Wheeler	1	"	Edwin Cummings	1	"
George Cummings	2	"	William Glavin	1	"
Albert Jones	1	"	Robert Jones	2	"
George Landers	1	"	Harold McQueeny	2	"
Mallard Perkins	1	"	Joseph Stanley	1	"
Louis Tarr	1	"	Norman Tarr	2	"
Robert Tarr	2	"	Alexander Williams	1	"

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1906—1907

March 16	All schools close for Spring vacation. Fourteen weeks in term.
March 26	Schools open for Spring term.
June 15.	All schools close for Summer vacation. Twelve weeks in term.
September 4.	All schools open for Fall term.
November 23.	All schools close for Thanksgiving. Twelve weeks in term.
December 3.	All schools open for Winter term.
December 21.	All schools close for Christmas vacation.
December 31.	All schools open.
March 15.	All schools close for Spring vacation. Fourteen weeks in term.
March 25.	All schools open for spring term.

CENSUS REPORT

School Census of September 1906.

Number of children between five and fifteen.

Boys	87
Girls	77
Total	164

Number of children between seven and fourteen .

Boy s	63
Girls	55
Total	118

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR 1904-1905.	Months and days.	Number enrolled.	Number boys enrolled.	Number girls enrolled.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Per cent of attendance	No. between 5 and 15.	No. between 7 and 14.	Number over 15.	Number under 5.
Center Grammar	9–4	41	18	23	39	38	95	41	37	0	0
Center Primary	9–3	45	16	17	41	93	95	45	24	0	1
Neck School	9–10	31	22	15	29	27	94	29	25	2	0
West School	9–4	14	9	5	12	11	95	14	14	0	0
East School	9–4	14	6	8	13	128	91	14	9	0	1
Totals.		145	67	68	134	128	94	141	109	2	2

TEACHERS, SALARIES, SCHOOLS, ETC.

Name.	School.	Grade.	Salary.	Where Educated.
Miss Julia Shipman	Center Grammar	6–8	$13 per week	Bridgewater Normal
" Harriet Abot	Center Primary	1–3	10 " "	" "
" Gertrude Whitney	Assistant in Grammar	4–5	7 " "	Beverly High
" Florence Norton	Neck School	1–8	10 " "	Salem Normal
" Florence Tadgell	West School	1–8	8 " "	" "
" Helen Kennison	East School	1–8	8 " "	Beverly Training

Twenty-first Annual Report

OF THE

Trustees of the Public Library

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM, MASS.

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1905.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

To the Citizens of Wenham:

The Trustees of the Public Library herewith present their Twenty First Annual Report for the year 1905.

Board of Trustees

Henry A. Moulton, chairman,	March, 1906
Alice Gertrude Whitney	March, 1907
Benjamin H. Conant, Secretary and Librarian,	March, 1908

The routine work of the Library during the year has been conducted in much the usual manner, the most notable difference being that in consequence of the use of the waiting room by the Grammar School, people visiting the Library at the afternoon opening have been admitted to the stock-room and permitted to select their books directly from the shelves. This, though doubtless more agreeable to the patrons, is very liable to disarrange the books, and with our present limited room is not expedient at the evening opening.

During the year there has been a somewhat larger use of the Library by the schools in the central part of the town, than in some former years, which will account, in part at least, for the larger proportion of non-fiction literature issued from the Central Library. Aside from the schools, there is very little demand for anything beside fiction. We wish it might be otherwise, and that more of the adult population of the town would visit the Library and see for themselves what it contains. We feel assured that if the people were more fully aware of its resources, the percentage of profitable reading matter circulated would be appreciably increased.

Comparatively few new books have been purchased during the year, and a larger proportion of these than usual are of the more popular order.

About the usual number of gifts of books, etc., have been received from various individuals during the year, for all of which thanks are hereby tendered. A list of the donors may be found in the tables of statistics appended.

At the end of the year the Library was closed for a few weeks in order to examine and take account of the property on hand. This work had not been done for several years, and the result was fully as favorable as was expected. Nearly all the books were accounted for and those few that are missing we hope may be found later.

About fifty volumes, too much worn for further use, have been withdrawn from the circulation, and in order to make room for the more recent additions, several wheelbarrow loads of other books seldom used, have been transferred for storage to the house of the Librarian. The great need of better accommodations at the Library, which has often been alluded to in former reports, is now too apparent for further comment. Suffice it to say that the entire available space for books is fully occupied, and that the limit for storage at the Librarian's house has nearly been reached.

To properly arrange what we now have would require nearly double the present shelving capacity of the Library.

In view of these conditions, it would seem as if the time for some definite action had come.

STATISTICS OF THE LIBRARY

For the year 1905.

CIRCULATION

Days on which the Library has been open (afternoon & evening)	50
Volumes lent at Central Library	3249
" " East Wenham Delivery	258
" " West Wenham Delivery	184
" " Wenham Neck Delivery	385
Whole number of volumes lent	4076
Volumes renewed	232
Average weekly delivery,	81½
Largest " " March 15	144
Smallest " " February 8	36

Number of different individuals who have taken books during the year 306: As follows:—Central Library, 212; East Wenham, 29; West Wenham, 17; Wenham Neck, 48.

New names added during the year	50
Whole number of different individuals who have taken books since the adoption of the present system of administration (1893.)	819

CLASSIFICATION AND USE

	Volumes Catalogued Dec. 31, 04	Volumes added 1905	Volumes Catalogued Dec. 31, 05	Volumes lent at Central Library	Vols. lent at E. Wenham Delivery	Vols. lent at W. Wenham Delivery	Vols. lent at Wenham Neck Delivery	Whole No. of volumes lent
History	421	5	426	187	9	6	22	224
Biography	325	3	328	52	5	4	10	71
Travel	267	1	268	136	2	4	8	150
Science	222	4	226	153	1	3	2	159
Poetry	53	1	54	17	3	1	0	21
Religion	98	0	98	23	9	0	4	36
Miscellaneous	460	3	463	153	6	3	8	170
Total Non-Fiction	1846	17	1863	721	35	21	54	831
Fiction	1723	65	1788	2528	223	163	331	3245
Total including Fiction	3569	82	3651	3249	258	184	385	4076

PER CENT OF CIRCULATION

	Central Library	E. Wenham Delivery	W. Wenham Delivery	Wenham Nk. Delivery	Whole Library
Non-Fiction	22.19	13.56	11.41	14.02	20.37
Fiction	77.81	86.44	88.59	85.98	79.63
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100. 00

ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY

	Catalogued	Not Catalogued	Total
Volumes added during the year			
By purchase,	58	3	61
By gift	24	61	85
Whole number of volumes added 1905	82	64	146
Volumes in Library Dec. 31, 1904,	3569	1109	4678
" " Dec. 31, 1905	3651	1173	4824
Pamphlets in Library, Dec. 31, 1904			1088
" added by gift, 1905			122
" in Library, Dec. 31, 1905			1210

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Periodical etc.
Alley, Henry, Wenham	3		
Beverly Citizen, Publishers			1 sub.
Conant, Woodbery P., Salem,	3		miscella-
Davis, Roswill, Wenham,	2		neous
Dodd, Mead & Co., New York,	1	1	
Dodge, Miss., E. P., Danvers		46	
Dodge, Mrs. Simeon, Wenham,	1		
Fillebrown, G. B., Boston,		1	
Gardner, Hon. A. P., Washington, D.C.			Cong. Rec.
Gould, Miss E. P., Boston,	1		5 nos.
Kimball, Clarence E., Wenham,		1	
King, Charles A., Beverly,	1		
Lake Mohonk Arbitration Conference, N.Y.,		1	
Libraries,			
Beverly Public,		1	
Boston Public,		1	
Everett, Shute Memorial,		1	
Salem Public,		1	
Topsfield Town,		1	
Lytle, John J., Phila. Pa.,		1	
Macmillan Co., New York,		1	
Massachusetts State Publications			
Agricultural College, Amherst,		6	
Board of Agriculture (per N. P. Perkins)	1		
Board of Charity,		1	
Free Library Commission,		1	
Harbor and Land Commissioner			atlas
Office, Sec'y of the Commonwealth,	30	3	
Trustees of Public Reservations,		1	
Moulton, Henry A., Wenham,			Miscella-
Neilson, Mrs. James, New Brunswick, N.J.,	12		neous
Noyes, Miss Harriette E., Hampstead, N.H.,	2		
Ottawa, Canada, Supt. of Immigration		1	
Peace Congress Committee, Boston,		1	Miscella-
Pool, Wellington, Wenham,	2	24	neous
Salem, (Mass.), Water Board,		1	
Stanley, Elbridge K., Wenham,			19 nos.
Trowt, Andrew D., Wenham,	1	1	105 nos.
Union Press, Philadelphia, Pa.,	1	1	
United States Government Publications,			

American Republics, Bureau of,			12 nos.
Census Office	2		
Civil Service Commission,	1		
Education, Bureau of,	2		
Forestry, Bureau of,	1	19	
Interstate Commerce Commission,	1		
Library of Congress,	6	4	
Naval War Records Office,	2		
Smithsonian Institution,	2		
Waters, The Misses, Wenham,	7		
Wenham. Town of,		1	
	85	122	

Note:— A few of the gifts above noted are duplicates of books already in the Library, but just how many we are at present unable to determine. In addition to this list we have received from Messrs. W. P. Conant, H. A. Moulton and Wellington Pool, quantities of miscellaneous material which has not yet been classified.

Since Jan. 1, 1906, several gifts have been received which will be duly acknowledged in our next annual report. Among these one of special interest is Prof. J. S. Sewall's "Logbook of the Captain's Clerk," giving reminiscences of his four years service in the U. S. Navy, 1850–1854, chiefly in the Far East, and including Commodore Perry's expedition to Japan in 1853–4. Prof. Sewall it will be remembered was pastor of the Congregational Church in Wenham from 1859 to 1867.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1905

Unexpended balance with Town Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1904	$ 19 88
Town Appropriation, March, 1905	220 00
Receipts at Library for fines, etc.,	8 38
	$ 248 26

EXPENDITURES

For Library Serivce			
Benj. H. Conant, Librarian		$ 50 00	
Henry A. Moulton, services		9 60	
A. Gertrude Whitney, "		11 70	
Addison Williams, East Wenham Delivery		10 00	
George V. Bowden, West Wenham Delivery,			
H. Adeline Wilkins, Wenham Neck Delivery			
Oct. 1, 1904 to Dec. 31, 1905		12 50	
			$ 103 80
For Books			
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, Salem, 58 volumes		$42 24	
B. H. Conant, History of Plymouth	"	2 50	
" History of Medford, 1	"	1 00	
" Moulton Genealogy, 1	"	5 50	
	61		$ 51 24
For Miscellaneous Items			
B. H. Conant, Road Atlas of Mass.		$ 2 00	
" Declaration of Independence		2 95	
" Subscription to "Bookman"		2 00	
" " "Dial" 2 years		4 00	
" " Amateur Work		1 00	
" Money Orders & postage		1 70	
" Am. Express and other incidentals		80	
			$ 14 45
Unexpenedd balance with Town Treasurer Dec. 31, 1905			169 49
			$ 78 77
Jan. 17, 1906. Paid Horace E. Durgin, Town Treasurer, the amount received at the Library for fines, etc., during the year 1905.			$ 8 38

EDWIN D. HAWKINS FUND

Amount of Mr. Hawkin's legacy, received 1897		$ 125 00
Deposited in Beverly Savings Bank, Oct. 1897,	$ 100 00	
Balance appropriated for the purchase of books,	25 00	
Accrued interest on deposit to Oct. 1905	32 81	
		$ 157 81
Expended for books (15 volumes) previous to Dec. 31, 1905		23 55
Amount of Fund, Dec. 31 1905		$ 134 26

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. H. CONANT,

Sec'y of Trustees and Librarian,
Wenham Public Library.

Wenham, Mass., Feb. 10, 1906.

Town of Wenham

Annual Reports

1906

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

AND THE

REPORTS OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

Trustees of the Public Library

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1906

BEVERLY, MASS.
THE CITIZEN PRINTING COMPANY
1907

TOWN OFFICERS

For the Year 1906-1907

Moderator: Horace E. Durgin.

Town Clerk: Wellington Pool.

Selectmen: Herbert W. Porter, Chairman; Nathaniel P. Perkins, Clerk; Charles H. McQueeny.

Assessors: Nathaniel P. Perkins, Chairman; Charles H. McQueeny, Clerk; Herbert W. Porter.

Overseers of the Poor: Nathaniel P. Perkins, Chairman and Clerk; Herbert W. Porter; Charles H. McQueeny.

Fence Viewers: Herbert W. Porter, Nathaniel P. Perkins, Charles H. McQueeney.

Town Treasurer: Horace E. Durgin.

Collector of Taxes: Fred P. Stanton.

Auditor: W. Arthur Trowt.

School Committee: George V. Bowden, Chairman, 1909; Elbridge Porter, Secretary, 1907; Addison Williams, 1908.

Constables: Benjamin F. Young, George V. Bowden, Ira W. Heywood.

Special Police: Benjamin F. Young, Chief; George V. Bowden; Ira W. Heywood.

Trustees of the Public Library: Henry A. Moulton, Chairman, 1909; Benjamin H. Conant, Secretary and Librarian, 1908; Alice Gertrude Whitney, 1907.

Board of Health: Benjamin F. Young, Chairman, 1908; Henry Alley, Secretary, 1907; John R. Sargent, Agent, 1909.

Commissioners of Public Cemetery: Warren Jones, Chairman, 1909; Samuel K. Evans, Clerk, 1908; Daniel A. Homan, 1907.

Surveyors of Highways: Wards 1 and 2, Addison Williams; Ward 3, James L. Cole; Wards 4 and 5, Samuel K. Evans; Wards 6, Jacob D. Barnes; Ward 7, James F. Crockett; Ward 8, James S. Brown; Ward 9, Charles W. Perkins.

Tree Warden: Fred S. Knowlton.

Sealer of Weights and Measures: James H. Perkins, Jr.

Field Driver: William F. Homan.

Surveyors of Lumber and Measures of Wood and Bark: A. D. Prince, Herbert W. Porter, John K. Dodge.

Town Weighers: William P. Dodge, William F. Trowt, John K. Dodge.

Fire Wards and Forest Fire Wards: Horace E. Durgin, Chief; Frank H. Tarr, Clerk; Levi S. Lord, Chester S. Cook, Horace A. Kilham, Addison Williams, Daniel A. Homan, Ivory Quinby.

Inspector of Animals: Henry Alley.

Keeper of Lockup and Tramps: John C. Richards.

Finance and Advisory Committee: The Selectmen (ex-officio), Samuel M. Hill, 1907; Arthur D. Prince (Clerk), 1907; Charles F. Elliott, 1908; George H. Perkins, 1908; Roswill Davis, 1909; Frank E. Perkins, 1909.

Nominating Committee: Six at large and one for each highway ward.

At Large: Arthur R. Hawkins, George H. Perkins, James B. Pickett, (Chairman), Edward L. Rollins, Charles J. Trott, George W. Wilson.

By Wards: Ward 1, Clarence N. Preston; Ward 2, (Vacancy); Ward 3, Horace A. Kilham; Ward 4, George W. Wildes; Ward 5, Edgar N. Porter; Ward 6, Levi S. Lord (Secretary; Ward 7, Chester S. Cook; Ward 8, Luther W. Batchelder; Ward 9, George E. Perkins.

REPORT

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SNOW

WARDS ONE AND TWO

Paid	Addison Williams	$ 3 60	
	Henry D. Stillman	4 10	
	Wm. Beck	60	
	F. T. Johnson	60	
	Ephraim Powers	60	
			$9 50

WARD THREE

Paid	E. B. Cole	$ 10 00	
	S. R. Prince Co.	5 33	
			$ 15 33

WARDS FOUR AND FIVE

Paid	S. K. Evans	$ 12 22	
	Frank H. Tarr	30 79	
	Roy Stanley	6 33	
	Wm. T. Tucker	5 56	
	S. M. Hill	4 11	
	John C. Souer	2 67	
	Charles Webber	1 78	
	Albert W. Dodge	1 11	
	Edmund L. Batchelder	3 01	
	Charles Alexander	67	
	A. M. Harrigan	6 50	
	T. W. Batchelder	33	
	L. E. Beadle	1 33	
			$76 41

WARD SIX

Paid	T. Glavin	$ 1 00	
	H. Merrill	2 67	
	L. Stanley	78	
	J. D. Barnes	2 89	
	T. M. Barnes	2 89	
	G. W. Jones	89	
			$11 12

WARD SEVEN

Paid J. F. Crockett	$ 11 99		
Perley Dodge	44		
N. P. Perkins	2 22		
W. S. Putnam	2 22		
		$16 87	

WARD NINE

Paid C. W. Perkins	$ 4 00		
Chas. Alexander	1 60		
Chas. Webber	1 60		
		$7 20	
Total snow expense			$136 43

HIGHWAY REPAIRS

WARD ONE.

Paid Addison Williams	$ 14 74		
Henry D. Stillman	6 64		
D. W. Preston	7 00		
W. Day	4 00		
B. F. Burchstead	4 00		
		$36 38	

WARD TWO.

Paid Addison Williams	$ 21 50		
Henry D. Stillman	42 50		
D. W. Preston	10 00		
F. Johnson	14 50		
E. Powers	10 00		
S. K. Prince	20 00		
Joseph Knowlton, gravel	14 20		
		$132 70	

WARD THREE.

Paid Alex Devoe	$ 12 00		
F. T. Johnson	6 00		
E. Powers	8 00		
S. R. Prince Co.	24 77		
Chas. Wilkins	35 00		
E. B. Cole	42 00		
J. Knowlton, gravel	13 00		
City of Salem, gravel	11 40		
		$152 17	

WARD FOUR.

Paid C. S. Gwinn, pipe	$ 2 00		
F. H. Tarr	20 00		
C. W. Perkins	12 00		
J. D. Barnes	6 00		
W. T. Tucker	7 78		
T. W. Batchelder	4 00		
G. W. Jones	4 00		
S. K. Evans	15 11		
			$70 89

WARD FIVE.

Paid S. K. Evans	$ 27 56		
F. H. Tarr	20 33		
G. W. Jones	8 00		
Fred Knowlton	10 77		
C. W. Perkins	15 00		
" " gravel	2 50		
Frank Stanley	2 30		
W. T. Tucker	6 00		
Roy Stanley	4 00		
			$96 46

WARD SIX.

Paid J. D. Barnes	$ 16 33		
Geo. W. Jones	14 63		
E. L. Rollins	1 00		
John Haley	1 00		
T. M. Barnes	53 48		
D. A. Homan	12 00		
H. Merrill	9 33		
G. Souer	9 00		
W. T. Tucker	8 00		
J. D. Barnes, gravel	7 00		
J. S. Brown, gravel	1 20		
			$132 97

WARD SEVEN

Paid J. F. Crockett	51 50		
D. F. Harrigan	27 50		
T. M. Barnes	22 50		
Otis Alley	1 00		
Geo. V. Bowden	14 00		
Walter S. Putnam	24 50		
G. W. Peabody	1 00		
E. L. Kimball	8 00		
			$150 00

WARD EIGHT

Paid J. S. Brown	$ 27	15	
Chas. Kimball	10	22	
Edward L. Kimball	5	33	
L. W. Batchelder	8	94	
B. H. Tracy	7	83	
H. W. Woodason	8	00	
J. S. Brown, gravel	10	20	
			$77 67

WARD NINE

Paid Chas. W. Perkins	$ 42	00	
John Williams	6	00	
William Porter	5	00	
Albert Dodge	3	00	
Herbert Whiting	18	45	
			$74 45
Total highway wards			$923 69

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTHS

Paid H. W. Woodason, labor and team	$ 446	54	
J. D. Barnes, " "	315	61	
T. Glavin, "	170	32	
Arthur Knowlton, "	148	62	
George Jones, "	295	61	
D. A. Homan, "	100	88	
H. A. Sawyer, "	122	06	
A. W. Dodge, "	81	78	
W. T. Tucker, "	95	77	
E. L. Rollins, "	131	27	
J. Sauer, "	77	44	
C. L. Webber, "	61	88	
J. Davidson, "	58	44	
F. Alexander, "	49	88	
Everett Stanley, "	124	48	
L. Davis, "	58	28	
T. Stewart, "	45	81	
P. O'Connor, "	45	77	
C. Hill, "	45	77	
I. W. Heywood, "	99	34	

Paid F. A. Witham,	labor	$41 77	
J. Haley,	"	47 27	
W. P. Porter,	"	58 72	
H. A. Moulton,	"	27 94	
T. M. Barnes, teams		38 46	
William Cook,	labor,	69 12	
Roy Stanley,	"	75 44	
Eben Stanley,	"	72 90	
W. F. McQueeny,	"	56 56	
A. Hurd,	"	80 01	
Howard Knowlton,	"	67 01	
Harry Davis,	"	29 56	
S. H. Hawkins,	"	15 44	
Everett Knowlton,	"	16 00	
H. Taylor,	"	31 23	
William Beck,	"	2 00	
A. D. & W. F. Trowt, stamps and stationery		2 70	
Whitcomb-Carter Co., supplies		10 60	
Wakefield Press, printing		2 75	
J. W. Goodhue, supplies		38 54	
Samuel Cabot, creosote		5 58	
B. & M. R. R., freight		25	
Rogers & Chase, brushes		72	
W. F. Trowt, insurance		50 00	
H. E. Durgin, railway tools		10 95	
J. D. Barnes, cash paid		2 50	
H. E. Andrews, supplies		1 50	
R. Robertson Co., bolts		72	
Merrimac Chemical Co., supplies		12 00	
Stoddard, Hasarech, Richard Co., burlap		188 51	
J. F. Pope & Son, lumber		2 19	
H. W. Woodason, cash paid express		3 20	
" " cash paid		4 38	
" " clerical work		5 00	
E. R. Woodason, " "		2 00	
Total			$3,649 08

EXTRA HIGHWAY WORK

Paid H. W. Woodason, labor on culvert ward 8		$ 68 97
J. S. Brown, " " " "		25 27
C. S. Gwinn, " " " "		59 89
B. H. Tracy, gravel " " "		5 90

Paid T. E. McGlauflin, edge stones Main st.	$ 50	40
" " Walnut st. macadam contract	1,002	99
John R. Sargent, lighting bridge	2	90
A. D. and W. F. Trowt, supplies for same	2	74
J. F. Pope & Son, lumber	50	32
J. F. Crockett, labor on culvert	8	00
Geo. V. Bowden, " " "	4	00
J. D. Barnes, labor at "Straight Hollow"	18	00
T. M. Barnes, " " " "	43	00
D. A. Homan, " " " "	18	00
G. W. Jones, " " " "	18	00
John Sauer, " " " "	18	00
W. T. Tucker, " " "	14	00
H. R. Merrill, " " "	2	00
W. G. Burns, engineer at Walnut st. bridge	85	86
C. S. Gwinn, contract " " "	1,000	00
	$2498	24

STREET LIGHTS

Paid Welsbach Street Lighting Co., as per contract	$1641	84

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paid John Girdler, coal	$ 33	75
W. F. Homan, janitor service 22 months	91	66
" " extra labor	3	50
Salaries for 25 members	50	00
Paul Patten, repairs on engine	19	75
Salem Brass Foundry, castings	32	05
H. W. Porter, lock and keys	9	25
Field & Kennedy, rubber coats and caps	10	00
Alex. Devon, watching fires	2	00
George W. Jones, " "	2	00
Joseph Lynch, " "	4	40
T. W. Batchelder, " "	2	00
George A. Landers, " "	2	00
E. P. Stanley, " "	3	10
C. C. Dodge, " "		60
F. S. Knowlton, " "	2	78
L. E. Beadle, " "		67

Paid W. P. Porter,	watching fires	$ 67
C. R. Dudley,	" "	1 45
F. H. Tarr,	labor and supplies	9 00
H. E. Durgin,	" "	5 35
S. M. Knowlton,	wood	3 00
A. D. & W. F. Trowt,	supplies	12 27
J. H. Perkins, Jr.,	"	6 40
R. Robertson Co.,	repairs on engine	3 05
		$310 70

NOTE: In addition to the above account there has been purchased for the department ten three-gallon fire extinguishers and six hand force-pumps from funds contributed as the following copy of Mr. Johnson's letter will explain:

Boston, Mass., April 21, 1906.

To the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen,
Wenham, Mass.

Dear Sir: I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the valuable service the volunteer fire fighters did me on the 19th inst., and to commend the quickness of their response and the able manner in which they fought the fire, and subdued it so soon after their arrival, I herewith enclose a check for $100 for you to use in the Department as may seem best, so that all may obtain some benefit from it.

Again thanking you all, who so kindly responded to the urgent call, believe me

Sincerely yours,
WOLCOTT H. JOHNSON.

CARE OF TOWN HALL

Paid W. Pool		$ 41 83
John Girdler,	coal	23 00
F. H. Brooks,	setting glass	13 86
Geo. F. Hinkley,	repairs on furnace	15 00
A. D. & W. F. Trowt,	supplies	5 76
		$ 99 45

TOWN INCIDENTALS

Paid I. W. Allen,	printing	$ 18 50
Salem Press Co.,	"	89 15
Beverly Citizen Printing Co.,	printing	79 85
Boston Advertiser,	advertising	17 40
The Salem News,	"	1 50
The Beverly Times,	"	2 75
The Boston Herald,	"	5 50
Isabelle Andrews,	stenographer	10 00
N. E. Telephone Co.,	tolls	12 31
J. W. Goodhue,	tools	4 50
Arthur D. Prince,	cash paid for printing	3 70
H. W. Porter,	for repairs	15 41
Wenham Veteran Asso.,	appropriation	75 00
J. Kavanaugh,	water supply	15 00
W. & L. E. Gourley,	duplicate weights	15 40
Good Roads Machine Co.,	repairs	9 00
B. F. Young,	returning deaths	3 75
W. T. Tucker,	care of Soldiers' lot	2 50
B. F. Conant,	care of town clock	20 00
Pemberton School of Shorthand,	typewriting	8 00
Hobbs & Warren,	books	1 25
T. M. Barnes,	carriage hire	12 50
Carter Ink Co.,	ink	1 25
A. D. & W. F. Trowt,	sundries	58
W. F. Trowt,	insurance on Parsonage	14 40
N. P. Perkins,	paid for recording deed	1 50
H. E. Durgin,	repairs on highway tools	26 27
W. Pool,	returning vote of representative	2 00
" "	administering oaths	5 65
" "	cash paid for express, etc.	7 63
		$482 25

CARE OF PARKS

Paid Wm. T. Tucker,	labor	$ 42 84
W. Pool	"	1 50
		$44 34

FIRE CISTERN, MAIN AND LARCH STREETS

Paid H. W. Woodason, grading		$ 33 40
F. H. Tarr, teaming		5 55
		$ 38 95

TREE WARDEN DEPARTMENT

Paid Fred S. Knowlton, labor		$22 65
S. M. Knowlton, "		23 43
George W. Jones, "		7 34
Jacob D. Barnes, "		1 00
William P. Porter, "		2 23
R. G. Knowlton, "		67
Roy Stanley, "		2 00
		$59 32

POOR DEPARTMENT

Harriett Casson

Paid City of Beverly, board at poor farm	$54 00	
Dr. F. G. Stanley, services	4 00	
Dr. H. E. Sears, "	3 50	
Dr. C. H. Davis, "	6 00	
Mrs. J. C. Richards, nursing	2 00	
Mrs. W. A. Soper, board and nursing	25 00	
Benj. F. Young, burial	33 00	
J. H. Perkins, Jr., supplies	1 67	
		$129 17

Family of Arthur F. Merrill

City of Salem, hospital charges and supplies	104 01

Family of Harry Williams

Town of Hingham, aid furnished	155 25

Mary Tuttle

Town of Peabody, board	78 15
	$466 58

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Mrs. C. C. Soper

Paid Joseph F. Kent, for wood	$ 18 00		
Dr. H. K. Foster, medical attendance	50 00		
Cash paid for aid	24 00		
Wm. T. Lee, medicine	33 30		
Town of Peabody, fuel	38 75		
		$164	05

Annie M. Babcock

Paid City of Melrose, aid furnished	$239 86	$239	86

Joseph Addison

Paid A. D. & W. F. Trowt, groceries	$ 52 00	$52	00

Mrs. Thomas Clarke

Paid Cash paid for her aid	$ 96 00		
City of Beverly, for her aid	28 55		
		$124	55
		$580	46

TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN CLERK

Paid Wellington Pool, salary	$60 00	$60	00

MODERATOR

Paid Horace E. Durgin, salary	$5 00	$5	00

TREASURER

Paid Horace E. Durgin, salary	$100 00	$100	00

ELECTION OFFICERS

Paid H. B. Pulsifer, teller	$ 2 50		
H. A. Moulton, "	2 50		
W. F. McQueeny, ballot clerk	2 00		
J. Kavanaugh, " "	4 00		
H. W. Porter, " "	2 50		
N. P. Perkins, " "	2 50		
C. H. McQueeny, " "	2 50		
		$18	50

SELECTMEN

Paid Herbert W. Porter, 30 days' services	$75 00	
" " distributing reports	1 25	
" " perambulating town lines	5 00	
" " journeys out of town and expense	28 00	
" " use of team	4 50	
Nathaniel P. Perkins, 20 days' service	50 00	
" " distributing reports	2 00	
" " perambulating town lines	7 50	
Charles H. McQueeny, 24 days' service	60 00	
" " perambulating town lines	7 50	
" " journeys out of town and expense	12 00	
" " use of team	2 50	
		$255 25

ASSESSORS

Paid Nathaniel P. Perkins, 18 days	$ 45 00	
" " preparing 1905 valuation book for printing	15 00	
" " service with tax commissioner	14 00	
H. W. Porter, 5 days	12 50	
C. H. McQueeny, 8 days	20 00	
		$106 50

OVERSEERS OF POOR

Paid N. P. Perkins, service	$ 8 00	
H. W. Porter, "	5 00	
C. H. McQueeny, "	5 00	
		$18 00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Paid H. W. Porter	$ 6 25	
N. P. Perkins	7 50	
C. H. McQueeny	7 50	
Wellington Pool	8 75	
		$30 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paid	George V. Bowden, services	$ 67 00	
	Elbridge Porter, "	35 00	
	Addison Williams, "	35 00	
			$137 00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paid	Henry P. Brewer, services	$ 24 50	
	B. F. Young, "	63 18	
	" " court orders	30 04	
	George V. Bowden, services	29 00	
	E. L. Rollins, "	4 00	
			$150 72

BOARD OF HEALTH

Paid	John R. Sargent, services	$ 33 31	
	Benjamin F. Young, "	27 75	
	Citizen Printing Co., printing	4 75	
			$65 81

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS

Paid	Henry Alley, inspector of animals	$25 00	
	" " " provisions	35 00	
			$60 00

MILITARY AID

Paid	D. A. Homan	$108 00	
	Benjamin F. Young	144 00	
			$252 00

STATE AID

Paid	Joseph Addison	$ 66 00	
	Henry P. Brewer	72 00	
	E. K. Stanley	72 00	
	Mary E. Woodman	48 00	
	Edward F. Stanley	48 00	
	Mary A. Stanley	48 00	
	Rebecca D. Johnson	48 00	
	Allen W. Dodge	60 00	
	Richard A. Bridges	70 00	
	Hannah H. Bridges	48 00	
	Calvin B. Dodge	42 00	
	Benjamin F. Burchstead	48 00	
			$670 00

Summary of Town Expenses

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

	Received	Expended	Balance
Town appropriation	$3,550 00	4,838 75	
Received from other sources	1,617 95		
	$5,167 05	$4,838 78	$328 27

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	Received	Expended	Overdraft
Town appropriation	250 00	310 70	60 70

PUBLIC LIBRARY

	Received		Expended	Balance
Balance from 1905	78 77	For services	102 50	
Town appropriation	100 00	" books	67 36	
From fines	7 62	" sundries	7 40	
	186 39		177 26	9 13

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

	Received	Expended	Overdraft
Town appropriation	500 00		
From Town of Merrimac	52 00	579 91	
	552 00	579 91	27 91

HIGHWAY REPAIRS

	Received	Expended	Balance
Town appropriation	1,000 00	923 69	76 31

EXTRA HIGHWAY WORK

	Received	Expended	Balance
Town appropriations	2,000 00	2,498 24	
Street R. R. excise tax	562 54		
	2,562 54	2,498 24	64 30

TREE WARDEN'S DEPARTMENT

	Received	Expended	Overdraft
Town appropriation	25 00	59 32	34 32

STREET LIGHTING

	Received	Expended	Balance
Town appropriation	1,650 00	1,641 84	8 16

POOR DEPARTMENT

	Received	Expended	Balance
Town appropriation	500 00	466 63	33 37

INTEREST

	Received	Expended	Overdraft
Town appropriation	178 50		
Interest on temporary loan		63 34	
Interest on school house bond		210 00	
Interest on trust funds		178 50	
	178 50	451 84	273 34

TOWN INCIDENTALS

	Received	Expended	Balance
Town appropriation	2,200 00		
State aid reimbursed	501 50		
Military aid reimbursed	181 00		
From unexpended balances			
For removing snow		136 43	
Town Officers and Police		862 22	
Board of Health		65 81	
Town Hall		99 45	
Fire Cistern		38 95	
Care of parks		44 34	
State and Military Aid		922 00	
Other incidental expenses		482 25	
	2,882 50	2,651 45	231 05

MOTH DEPARTMENT

	Received	Expended	Uncollected individual liability
Town appropriation	840 00		
State reimbursement	1,977 33		
From individual liability	641 32		
	3,458 65	3,649 65	190 43

LIST OF DEPARTMENT EXPENSES

Schools	$4,838.78
Town Incidentals	482.25
Fire Department	310.70
Street Lights	1,641.84
Board of Health	65.87
Moth Work	3,649.08
Extra Highway Work	2,498.24
Highway Repairs	923.69
Removing Snow	136.43
State and Military Aid	922.00
Poor Department	466.58
Soldiers' Relief	580.46
Tree Warden's Department	59.32
Fire Cistern	38.95
Town Hall Expenses	99.45
Town Officers and Police	940.97
Parks	44.34
Library	177.26
Total	$17,876.15

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fred P. Stanton, Collector

1900

Dr. to balance on tax list		$ 93 05
Cr. by abatements	$ 2 00	
by payments to treasurer	91 05	
		$ 93 05

1901

Dr. to balance on tax list	$ 58 03	
interest on taxes	6 43	
		$ 64 46
Cr. by payments to treasurer	48 70	
uncollected taxes	15 76	
		$ 64 46

1902

Dr. to balance on tax list	$ 59 88	
interest on taxes	6 74	
		$ 66 62
Cr. by payments to treasurer	15 40	
by abatements	6 60	
uncollected taxes	44 62	
		$ 66 62

1903

Dr. to balance on tax list	$ 175 95	
interest on taxes	4 03	
		$ 179 98
Cr. by payments to treasurer	97 38	
by abatements	12 80	
uncollected taxes		
		$ 179 98

1904

Dr. to balance on tax list	$ 764 80	
interest on taxes	18 61	
		$ 783 41
Cr. by payments to the treasurer	481 21	
by abatements	48 80	
uncollected taxes	253 40	
		$ 783 41

1905

Dr. balance on tax list	$ 4911 88	
interest on taxes	85 64	
		$ 4997 52
Cr. by payments to the treasurer	4463 52	
by abatements	11 00	
uncollected taxes	523 00	
		$ 4997 52

1906

Dr. to tax list for 1906	$ 18,082 85	
B. & N. St. R. R. excise tax	562 54	
additions to tax list	518 45	
		$ 19,163 84
Cr. by payments to treasurer	12,161 42	
discount on early payment of taxes	62 28	
by abatements	145 14	
uncollected taxes	6,795 00	
		$ 19,163 84

1906

Moth Tax Under Chap. 381, Acts of 1905

Dr. to tax assessed under provisions of above act	$ 830 95	
		$ 830 95
Cr. by payments to treasurer	641 32	
uncollected tax	189 63	
		$ 830 95

TREASURER'S REPORT

H. E. Durgin, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of Wenham

Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1906			$ 5,047 97
From the Commonwealth, national bank tax			275 57
" " " " bal. 1905			16 47
" " corporation tax			1,460 74
" " " " bal. 1905			608 93
" " school fund			600 83
" " street railway tax			588 08
" " state and military aid			682 50
" " ½ comp. of inspection of animals			12 50
" " school superintendent			250 00
" " gypsy moth work			1,977 33
County dog tax			213 60
City of Boston, education of children			43 50
City of Salem, Longham taxes			100 90
City of Lynn, for support of poor			24 58
Town of Merrimac, soldiers' relief			52 00
Naumkeag National Bank, temporary loan			4,000 00
First district court			15 00
Boston & Northern street railway, repairs on pump			4 50
Wellington Pool, rent of hall and piano			15 50
Wm. F. Trowt, town weigher			16 34
Benj. H. Conant, librarian, fines, etc.			7 62
James H. Perkins, druggists' license			1 00
For junk dealers' licenses			14 00
" rent of parsonage			76 83
" cemetery lots			134 00
" sale of town history			1 00
" interest on deposits			39 34
From Fred P. Stanton, collector, on account of taxes			18,000
			$34,280 63

PAYMENTS

State tax	$ 3,642 00
County tax	4,056 33
State of Mass., 1-4 druggist's license	25
" " repairs on state highway	87 70
Naumkeag national bank temporary loan	4,000 00
New school house fund	2,000 00
Interest on serial town notes	210 00
" temporary loan	63 34
" Allen cemetery fund	11 07
" Mary Perkins fund	10 00
Cemetery commissioners' orders	209 80
Selectmen's order	17,876 15
Balance in treasury	2,113 99
	$34,280 63

New School House Fund

H. E. Durgin, Treasurer

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1906	$ 6,834 43
Proceeds of bond sale	10,593 52
Amount appropriated by vote of town	2,000 00
Sale of hay	4 00
Interest	222 55
	$19,654 50

PAYMENTS

By order of Committee	13,252 90
Balance on hand	6,401 60
	$19,654 50

Financial Statement

LIABILITIES

Note due trustees Mary Perkins fund	$3,000 00
Interest on the same to Jan. 1st, 1907	531 66
Note due trustees of Allen cemetery fund	475 00
Interest on the same to Jan. 1st, 1907	59 59
Amount due "Peters Hill" appropriation	200 00
" " Cemetery Commissioners	151 51
" " School Department	328 27
" " Trustees of Public Library	9 13
Estimate of outstanding bills	2,000 00
	$6,755 16

RESOURCES

Due from state of Mass., state aid furnished	$670 00
" " " 1-2 military aid furnished	126 00
" F. P. Stanton, tax collector for 1901	15 76
" " " " " 1902	44 62
" " " " " 1903	69 80
" " " " " 1904	253 40
" " " " " 1905	523 00
" " " " " 1906	6,795 00
" " " " moth tax for 1906	189 63
Due from State of Mass., bal. on corporation tax 1906	1,000 00
" balance in the treasury	2,113 99
	$11,801 20
Total liabilities	6,755 16
Balance in favor of town	$5,046 04

BONDED DEBT

Due Capital Savings Bank and Trust Co., Montpelier, Vt.	$10,500 00

Report of Trustees of Mary Perkins Fund

Unexpended balance Jan. 1, 1906	$391 66	
Amount of aid furnished needy persons	10 00	
		$381 66
One year's interest to Jan. 1, 1907		150 00
Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1907		$531 66

Report of Trustees of Allen Fund

Unexpended balance Jan. 1, 1906	$42 16	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1907	28 50	
		$70 66
Amount expended		
W. T. Tucker, care of lot	$ 3 75	
S. K. Evans, labor	7 32	
		$11 07
		$59 59

Hobbs' Cemetery Fund

Deposit in Beverly Savings Bank	$150 00	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1907	2 63	
		$152 63

Auditor's Report

The undersigned, having examined the accounts of the several officers, finds the sums correct, with vouchers for the payments.

W. ARTHUR TROWT, Auditor.

February 11, 1907.

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commissioners make the following report for the year ending January 1, 1907:

Besides the regular repairs that have to be attended to yearly, there has been hauled forty-four loads of gravel for the avenues and the work of extinguishing the Brown Tail and Gypsy Moths has also been carried out.

As the town appropriated nothing for improvements the Commissioners used the money received from selling lots.

ASSESSORS' REPORT, 1906

Number of assessed polls	258
Tax on each poll	$ 2 00
Value of assessed personal property	$ 1,025,925 00
" " land	430,325 00
" " buildings	686,050 00
Total valuation	$2,142,300 00
Tax on polls	516 00
Tax on real estate	9,154 27
Tax on personal property	8,412 58
Total tax	18,082 85
Rate of taxation per $1000	8 20
Number of horses assessed	217
" cows "	320
" swine "	196
" fowls "	1,150
Acres of land "	4,620
Dwelling houses "	273
Number of persons assessed on property	436
" " " poll only	102
" " assessed	538

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Selectmen recommend that the following sums be appropriated for current expense for the fiscal year 1907:

Town Incidentals	$2,200.00
Highway Repairs	1,000.00
Extra Highway Work	1,000.00
Street Lighting	1665.00
Poor Department	500.00
Soldiers' Relief	500.00
Interest	600.00
Fire Department	250.00
Tree Warden's Department	50.00
Exterminating Moth Pests	420.00
Payment of School house note	1,500.00

LIST OF JURORS

Jacob D. Barnes, laborer
Frank E. Perkins, meat dealer
David Pingree, farmer
Henry D. Stillman, farmer
J. Sumner Brown, farmer
Patrick Kavanagh, retired
George W. Jones, laborer
Frank Cole, farmer
James B. Pickett, R. E. agent
Edward L. Rollins, painter
Benjamin F. Young, undertaker
Luther W. Batchelder, farmer
Henry A. Moulton, shoemaker
Chester S. Cook, farmer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1906

Births for 1906 have not yet been recorded.

Twelve marriages and twenty-three deaths were recorded in Wenham in 1906, including six non-residents brought here for interment.

DEATHS

1906			Years	Months	Days
Jan.	2	John Donovan	54	—	—
Feb.	12	Stillborn	—	—	—
May	16	Harriet F. (Homan) Casson Died at Tewksbury	63		
May	22	Rebecca K. (Batchelder) Evans	69	1	18
May	30	James S. Slesser	51	4	25
June	25	George H. Cook Died at Waltham	13	5	19
July.	21	Emily J. (Patterson) Deffel	72	8	9
Aug.	8	Joshua L. Bowen	56	11	—
Aug.	10	John K. Dodge	78	11	—
Aug.	14	Isaac Brown	85	—	—
Aug.	18	Augustus D. Tuttle	1	1	4
Oct.	11	Robert H. Tarr Died in New York City	11	11	26
Nov.	12	Charles P. Witham	71	1	—
Dec.	15	Stillborn	—	—	—
Dec.	15	Stillborn	—	—	—
Dec.	25	Frances E. Dodge	56	8	25
Dec.	29	Joseph L. Batchelder	72	6	27

List of Non-Residents brought to Wenham for Interment in 1906

1906			Years	Months	Days
Jan.	8	Josephine L. (Shattuck) Burgess	46	2	16
Feb.	13	Lucy A. (Healey) Frost	86	10	16
March	6	Sarah Putnam Richards	78	11	—
May	2	Charles Oscar Gilbert	3		
June	8	Frank D. Ober	36		
June	19	Annie Thompson	29		

DOGS

One hundred and fourteen dogs, ninety-two males and twenty-two females, were licensed (plus one breeder's license, $25.00), and from the amount received therefor the sum of two hundred and ninety-six dollars was paid into the County treasury; the sum of two hundred and twenty-six dollars and ninety-nine cents has been refunded to the town.

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

Report of Building Committee

The Schoolhouse Building Committee is unable to make a complete report as its work is not yet finished. It would simply say that the lot has been purchased according to the instructions by the town and the contract for building has been awarded to Henry B. Wallis & Son of Beverly and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy in the early spring.

The following is the statement of Building Fund to date :

Total receipts	$ 19,654	50
Total expenditures	13,252	90
Balance	$ 6,401	60

FRED P. STANTON,
Clerk of Committee.

Recommendations of the Finance and Advisory Committee

The Finance and Advisory Committee has considered the Articles as are presented in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting and make the following recommendations:

Under Article 3.

School Department	$ 4,775 00
Town Incidentals	2,200 00
Highway Repairs	1,000 00
Extra Highway Work	1,000 00
Street Lighting	1,665 00
Poor Department	500 00
Soldiers' Relief	500 00
Interest	600 00
Fire Department	250 00
Suppression of Moth Pest	420 00
Schoolhouse Note	1,500 00
Public Library	200 00
Tree Warden's Department	50 00
	$ 14,660 00

Under Article 6.

That the sum of $75.00 be appropriated from the sum raised for Incidentals, for the expense of Memorial Day; the same to be used under the direction of the Soldiers and Sailors of Wenham.

Under Article 7.

That a sufficient sum be appropriated from the sum raised for Incidentals, to pay State and Military Aid.

Under Article 9.

That no action be taken.

Under Article 10.

That no action be taken.

Under Article 11.

That the Town accept the provision of Section 85 of Chapter

25 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts which provides for the appointment of a Superintendent of Streets.

Under Article 12.

That the Selectmen be authorized to negotiate with the owners of property on Arbor Street, near the Boston and Northern car stable, so the sidewalk can be widened at that point; the expense to be charged to Extra Highway Account.

Under Article 13.

That the Selectmen be authorized to sell the "Parsonage Property" so called, reserving a strip of land not less than fifty feet wide on the northerly side next to the town land.

Under Article 14.

That the sum of $600 be raised and appropriated for the "New Schoolhouse Fund."

Under Article 15.

That the Town contribute a "Memorial Stone" toward the building of a Pilgrim Memorial at Provincetown, Mass.; the expense to be charged to the account of Town Incidentals.

Under Article 16.

That a sufficient sum be appropriated from the Town Surplus to make necessary changes to accommodate the Public Library, and to provide a suitable fire proof safe; and that a committee be appointed to carry out the purpose of this Article.

Under Article 17.

1st. That the Fire Wards be instructed to sell the Chemical Fire Engine to the best possible advantage.

2d. That the sum of $200 be appropriated from the Town Surplus to purchase a suitable supply wagon for the Fire Department; said sum to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

ARTHUR D. PRINCE,
Clerk of Committee.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the said Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at six of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles: (Election of officers by "Official Ballot" from 6 A. M. to 10 A. M.)

1st. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing and to see if the Town will vote to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

2d. To act on the reports of the Selectmen, School Committee and other Town officers.

3d. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year; make appropriation of the same and determine the manner of collecting.

4th. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, said loan or loans to be paid from said taxes.

5th. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, or act anything thereon.

6th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expenses of "Memorial Day" the same to be used under the direction of the sailors and soldiers of Wenham.

7th. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay the State and Military Aid for the ensuing year.

8th. To see what action the Town will take in regard to truant scholars.

9th. To see if the Town will vote to build a fire cistern near the house of J. H. Perkins on Main Street, raise and appropriate money for the same or act anything thereon, as per petition of the Fire Wards.

10th. To see if the Town will vote to raise the active membership of the Fire Company from 25 to 40 members, or act anything thereon, as per petition of the Fire Wards.

11th. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 85 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, which provides for the appointment of a Superintendent of Streets, or act anything thereon.

12th. To see if the Town will vote to widen the sidewalk on Arbor Street or act anything thereon.

13th. To see if the Town will vote to sell the whole or part of the "Parsonage property" so called, or act anything thereon.

14th. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or otherwise provide an additional sum of money for the "New School House Fund," or act anything thereon.

15th. To see if the Town will vote to contribute a "Memorial Stone" toward the building of a Pilgrim Memorial Monument at Provincetown, Mass., or act anything thereon.

16th. To see if the Town will vote to make such alterations to the Town Hall building as are necessary to provide better accommodations for the Public Library, a suitable fire-proof safe and such other changes as may be found necessary, or act anything thereon.

17th. To see if the Town will vote to dispose of the Chemical Fire Engine and replace the same with a suitable supply wagon; raise and appropriate money for the same, or act anything thereon.

18th. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before the said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town House, one at the Post Office, one at each of the two meeting houses, one at the chapel at Mapleville, and one at the eastern part of the town near the residence of Henry D. Stillman, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twelfth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and seven.

HERBERT W. PORTER,
N. PORTER PERKINS,
CHAS. H. McQUEENY,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1906

BEVERLY, MASS.
THE CITIZEN PRINTING COMPANY
1907

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Wenham:

The Committee herewith submit their annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1906. The following is an account of the receipts and expenditures for the year just closed:

RECEIPTS

Balance from last year	$509 12	
Massachusetts School Fund	600 83	
State allowance for Superintendent	250 00	
Dog Tax	213 60	
City of Boston for tuition	43 50	
		$1607 05

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

For Teaching	$1,150 00	
Fuel and Janitors	325 00	
Supplies and Incidentals	325 00	
Repairs	100 00	
High School Tuition	1,350 00	
High School Transportation	300 00	
		$5167 05

EXPENDITURES

Superintendent, Andrew S. Thomson

Paid Salary for April and November	$300 00

TEACHING

Central Grammar School

Paid Julia M. Shipman, 23 weeks to June 15,	$ 299 00
" " 15 weeks to Dec. 21,	210 00
A. Gertrude Whitney, 38 weeks to Dec. 31,	266 00
	$ 775 00

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Paid Harriett L. Abbott, 23 weeks to June 15,	$ 230 00
" " 13 weeks to Dec. 7,	149 00
E. M. Bragdon, 2 weeks to Dec. 21,	22 00
	$ 401 50

NECK SCHOOL

Paid Florence Norton, 23 weeks to June 15,	$ 230 00
" " 15 weeks to Dec. 21,	165 00
	$ 395 00

EAST SCHOOL

Paid S. Helen Kennison, 38 weeks to Dec. 21,	$ 304 00

WEST SCHOOL

Paid Florence Tadgell, 23 weeks to June 15,	$ 184 00
Myrtle Allen, 11 weeks to Nov. 16,	88 00
Gertrude St. Clair, 4 weeks to Dec. 21,	32 00
	$ 304 00

DRAWING

Paid Isabel Cline, 12 days	$ 48 00
" " 8 days	40 00
	$ 88 00

MUSIC

Paid George Smith, 12 days	$60 00

FUEL

Paid John Girdler, coal	$ 54 00
G. V. Bowden, wood	3 00
S. M. Knowlton, wood	3 00
Chas. Wilkins, wood	18 00
Henry D. Stillman, wood	25 00
Town of Wenham, coal	50 00
	$ 153 00

JANITORS

Paid	Wellington Pool	$ 55 47
	Mrs. Addison	37 20
	Joseph Addison	4 20
	Mrs. Soper	10 00
	Elbridge Porter	15 00
	Frank Corning	11 00
	Alonzo Young	5 00
	Clara Williams	9 99
	Addison Williams	4 20
	G. V. Bowden	25 00
		$ 177 06

SUPPLIES

Paid	Silver Burdette & Co., books	$ 19 50
	Edward E. Babb & Co., books and supplies	114 86
	Educational Publishing Co,, books	1 67
	D. C. Heath & Co., books	8 00
	Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., books	6 00
	American Book Co., books	11 52
	Ginn & Co., books	11 50
		$ 173 05

INCIDENTALS

Paid	F. P. Stanton, bal. of pay as School Com. 1905	$ 10 00
	" " for telephoning	.45
	Elbridge Porter, taking school census	15 00
	" " labor and expressing	3 35
	Geo. F. Hinkley, stove work	14 00
	Florence Norton, curtains and rods	2 30
	Whitcomb-Carter Co., water tank, etc.	1 90
	Patrick Corkery, cleaning vault	6 00
	A. S. Thomson, express charges, etc.	6 80
	H. W. Porter, moving seats	75
	Jas. H. Perkins, disinfectants	85
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, sundries	5 46
	Henry Alley, truant officer	6 00
		$ 72 86

REPAIRS

Paid F. H. Brooks, setting glass, etc.	$ 8 55
G. V. Bowden, labor and cash paid	12 65
J. W. Goodhue, oil and sundries	2 93
W. Arthur Webb, mason work	10 38
Elbridge Porter, lock and labor	1 30
	$ 35 81

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Paid City of Beverly one year to July 1, for

Ruth E. Bowden	Horace P. Dodge	
Alice J. Parker	Roscoe Batchelder	
Richard Gould	Ella Knowlton	
Melvina Stanton	A. Wesley Dodge	
Fred W. Eaton	Hattie Parker	
Lena Parker	Mary Pembroke	
Raymond Tarr	Walter L. Barker	
Alden W. Batchelder	Sarah S. Brock	
Chester Brown	Frances Pembroke	
Grace E. Perkins	John A. Woodason	$1,000 00
Ida Hawkins, one-fourth of year		12 50
Jesse E. Wilson, one-half year		25 00
		$1,037 50

Paid City of Salem one-half year to July 1 for

Robert L. Dodge	L. Fred Kilham	
Roland H. Patch	Randolph A. Dodge	
Florence Alley	Addie M. Williams	
Blanch D. Young		175 00
Half year from September for		
Roland H. Patch	Mary L. Patch	
Myron Perkins	Florence Alley	
		100 00
		$275 00

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Amount expended to Dec. 31	$287 00

SUMMARY

Receipts

Balance from 1905	$509 12	
Mass. School Fund	600 83	
State allowance for Superintendent	250 00	
Dog Tax	213 60	
City of Boston, tuition	43 50	
		$1,617 05

Appropriations

For Teaching	$1,150 00	
Fuel and Janitors	325 00	
Supplies and Incidentals	325 00	
Repairs	100 00	
High School Tuition	1,350 00	
High School Transportation	300 00	
		3,550 00
		$5,167 05

Expenditures

For Teaching	$2,327 50	
Fuel and Janitors	330 06	
Supplies and Incidentals	245 91	
Repairs	35 81	
Superintendent	300 00	
High School Tuition	1,312 50	
High School Transportation	287 00	
		$4,838 78
To Balance		328 27
		$5,167 05

PUPILS IN HIGH SCHOOL AT PRESENT TIME

In Beverly High School

Roscoe Batchelder
Ella Knowlton
Wesley Dodge
Hattie Parker
Mary Pembroke
Ida Hawkins
Chester Brown
Grace E. Perkins
John Woodason
Ruth Perkins
Marion Stanley
Helen Tarr
Richard Gould
Melvina Stanton
Fred Eaton
Lena Parker
Raymond Tarr
Alden Batchelder
Sarah Brock
Frances Pembroke
Mildred Perkins
Lewis Brock
Louisa Shepard
Raymond Wildes

In Salem High School

Roland H. Patch
Mary L. Patch
Florence Alley
Myron Perkins

In Hamilton High School

Carrie Stanton

Your Committee reports that during the past year the schools have held to their usual standard. Although at the Center schools and the West there has been a change of teachers, which is usually a detriment to a school, still in one case there is a marked improvement.

You will see the recommendations of the Superintendent in his report from which the Chairman of this Committee dissents in large measure. If the Town could devote the greater part of its tax levy to school purposes, his suggestions as to grades might be feasible, but there is no reason why with our soon to be acquired facilities we could not grade our Center schools (Primary, Intermediate and Grammar) with three grades each. As all scholars from our schools do not pass to High Schools, and some who enter do not complete their course, a ninth grade in our schools

would seem advisable and would save expense, considering that our High School expenses take a large part of our appropriation.

The Committee ask for the following amounts for the present year:

For Teaching	$1,726 00
Supplies and Incidentals	275 00
Fuel and Janitors	620 00
Repairs	100 00
School Physician	15 00
High School Tuition	1,400 00
High School Transportation	350 00
Insurance	288 00
	$4,774 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE V. BOWDEN,
ELBRIDGE PORTER,
ADDISON WILLIAMS,
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Gentlemen of the School Committee:

My fifth annual report of the life and activities of the public schools of the town is herewith respectfully submitted:

The report is intended primarily to cover the school year ending June, 1906. To this will be added data covering the period to January, 1907. It is hoped that the consideration of the work of the schools, and plans for future betterment will be of interest and value to the townspeople.

THE NEW BUILDING

It is probable that before this report is distributed to the households of Wenham the Center School will be comfortably established in its new quarters. The event is anticipated with eagerness by both pupils and teachers. The edifice is an admirable one and does credit to the Building Committee. It will be a source of gratification to the entire town for years to come.

A large field is open for generous friends of the school. A reference library; decoration for the school walls as pictures, casts or friezes; implements for use in the school garden; the necessary outfits for healthy games; and furnishings for the teacher's retiring room are all much and instantly needed equipments.

At first only three of the four rooms will be occupied as recitation rooms. The fourth room will be utilized as an exhibition and drill room. The Primary department, comprising the first three grades, will occupy one room; the Intermediate, with the fourth and fifth grades, another; and the Grammar department, with the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, a third. The grouping of grades depends upon the numbers in the different grades and will therefore be liable to variation.

STUDIES

The routine of our school work has progressed along the lines of previous years. The work of reading in our primary schools shows a high state of proficiency. At present, special attention is being given to oral reading and speaking in the higher Grammar grades. The writing has not been up to the standard, but as our new Grammar teacher is an expert writing teacher this department is destined to improve. It is gratifying to note that all the pupils who finished the Grammar School last June and entered High School in September are doing satisfactory work and that some are attaining very high rank.

THE GRADES

With the completion of a new school house where there is ample room, the question of an eighth or a ninth grade system below the High School is pertinent. At present our pupils who go to Beverly enter the ninth grade, making a five year course in the High School. Those who go to Salem enter the tenth grade and complete the High School course in four years. It costs this town but little more to send a pupil five years to Beverly than four years to Salem as the transportation is more to Salem. It is not to be supposed that in the four years at Salem as much territory is covered as in the five years at Beverly.

The establishment of a ninth grade in Wenham will not advance our pupils in entering Salem as they could still only begin the four years' course there. It is moreover open to question whether we could do sufficient work in the ninth grade of our home school to enter pupils without conditions into Beverly's tenth grade. In Beverly the pupils in the ninth grade begin Algebra, Latin, Greek and Roman History. To attempt to burden our Grammar teacher with this work in addition to the seventh and eighth grade work which she must do, and to keep our pupils on a par with the Beverly ninth grade would be a stupendous task. The advantage of a ninth grade here is in the

physical and moral well-being of our pupils, which undoubtedly would be considerable. When the time arrives that a fourth teacher must be hired in the building the work of the ninth grade could be easily managed and the saving in tuition will nearly pay her salary. If a nine grade system were established the district schools would be unable to do the work as they find it very difficult to accomplish the work of the eight grades. In fact our district schools would be much improved at present if the eighth grade could be brought to the Center. I have no objection to keeping the young children in a school nearby home when there are enough children to warrant it. It is to the advantage of both the many graded district school and the pupils who are in the eighth grade, if the pupils in this grade can all be together in one school.

The Town of Hamilton has started a High School and henceforth its pupils will begin their High School training in their own town. At present there are but the ninth and tenth grades. The school is well equipped with all needed apparatus. There is a laboratory with two well qualified teachers, who can give good instruction to any pupils from Wenham who may attend. The studies are nearly identical with the same grades in Beverly. A pupil should be able to attend the Hamilton ninth grade and then if he wishes be transferred to Beverly without loss of time. Hamilton will take the pupils from Wenham at a small tuition fee with no cost for transportation.

The plan which seems wisest to me is to send all our pupils who intend entering Beverly, to Hamilton for the ninth grade work, thus keeping young pupils off the electric or steam cars, and avoiding the disagreeable afternoon session. In a small High School the pupils come under more direct observation of the teacher. The equipment of a small High School is not so elaborate, neither are there so many courses offered, but this does not affect the pupils in the ninth and tenth grades.

AGE OF ENTRANCE

Pupils have been allowed to enter school for the first time both in September and also after the March vacation. This custom is a disadvantage to the school and to the entering child. An extra class of little children in the spring when the regular work is most pressing is a great hardship for the teacher and takes her time from the other pupils. It is doubtful if a child gains at all in proportion to the loss of the school, as, due to the teacher's extra work, the little one is likely to fall into habits of inactivity and restlessness, very detrimental to himself and others. If he will spend this morning of the year in God's out-of-doors gaining vigor and storing away beautiful impressions which shall color his thought for a lifetime, he is fortunate. The prevailing tendency is to send children to the class-room too early. The only excuse for this is in localities where it is a choice between the school-room or the street. This is not the case with the Wenham home life. If pupils who will be five years old during the fall term are allowed to enter in September and no more beginners allowed to enter during the year it will be much better for all concerned.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

In accordance with the law passed by the State Legislature a year since, there has been an examination of all the school children for discovering defective eyesight and hearing. It is astonishing to learn the number of children whose eyes or ears are defective. A pupil who has only half or three-quarters normal vision certainly cannot do as good work as he could with unimpaired sight. In all defective cases notice has been sent to parents requesting them to have their children examined by an eye or ear specialist. The law requires that a physician shall be appointed by the school board, to be called upon by any teacher at any time for advice as to the health of a pupil or for evidences of a contagious disease. The law says that no money can be spent for

this purpose until it is voted by the town. For this reason our committee has delayed appointing a physician until after Town Meeting. It is necessary for the town to vote a small amount for carrying into effect this beneficial law. It may often prevent the spreading of a contagious disease and avoid the necessity of closing the schools.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

In our schools at present we hold very closely to the regular routine of the school work. It is true that we have for some time made good progress in music and drawing. Some attention has been given to nature study in order that young people may learn, observe and love the natural world about them. The birds, the trees, flowers and fruits are great objects of pleasure and mental uplift and are free to all who will but lift their eyes to see. For several years we have emphasized such study. Last year at the suggestion of the Village Improvement Association a study was inaugurated of our native trees, and a fine collection of the wood, bark, leaves, flower and fruit had been made and will be on exhibition in the new school soon. A prize was moreover offered by the Improvement Society for the best collection and accompanying essay.

Great efforts are being made by manufacturers and educators to make industrial education more general. Ours is a great industrial nation, yet little has been done in our public schools to assist the large number of boys and girls who leave school at an early age to do better the line of work by which they are to earn their livelihood. The result is that many boys and girls lose interest and drop out of schools because they must learn a trade or business. The time is close at hand for this country to follow the plan of European countries of having "continuation schools" where actual trades and industries are taught.

At present our small towns can do a little. Sewing classes should be established which will be of great value to our girls and

at the same time some manual work can be given to the boys to good advantage.

SCHOOL GARDENS

School gardens are simply another outcrop of this industrial movement which is fraught with so much good to the industrial classes of our country.

Some good work has been done in the past in the school garden in Wenham, but the work has been severely hampered on account of lack of room and ground which can be protected. Now with our beautiful field this work should be made a truly fine success. This work can be made a source of great pleasure and edcational value to pupils. It should not be merely a means of beautifying the grounds, but pupils should be shown how a garden can become a means of profit. Every boy and girl should have some responsibility and if he can be shown wherein the garden is a gain to himself and others he will at once become interested. We request those who have shown enthusiasm in the past to continue their efforts that this work may be established on a good basis this spring.

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Every one has realized the increased cost of living during the last few years. The mechanic has felt this; has demanded a larger wage and has obtained the advance. Teachers' salaries have advanced but have not kept pace with the rate of increased living expense. Board and clothing are both more costly. The demands upon a teacher's time and purse have increased. If a teacher is to keep up with educational movements she must attend lectures, take magazines, buy books and travel. In order to get well qualified teachers your committee have found it necessary to make advances in their teachers' salaries.

TEACHERS

We have been unfortunate in losing several of our teachers

during the school year. Under the laws of Massachusetts a teacher may be dismissed when in the judgment of the school committee it is for the best interest of a school, Also a teacher may resign when she so desires. Some towns try to make contracts for definite periods of time, but under the law such contracts are not binding, so that a large majority of towns now simply demand a reasonable notice of the teacher's intention to resign. It is a loss to have the school work interrupted by a change, but so far we have been happy in securing teachers who have taken up the work with a force and energy which compensate in large measure for the detriment suffered.

Last June Miss Tadgell of the West School resigned and Miss Myrtle Allen, a Salem Normal graduate, was hired, who remained but one term. Miss Gertrude St.Clare of Beverly, a graduate of Salem Normal, has been teaching the school with much energy and skill during the winter term.

Miss Abbot of the Center Primary resigned just before Thanksgiving to take a position in Beverly, and Miss Eleanor Bragden, a teacher of some experience, has been continuing the good work which has been maintained in this school for some time. Miss Shipman of the Center Grammar resigned just before Christmas and Miss Caroline Varney of Brunswick, Me., a graduate of the Boston Normal Art School, and a teacher of experience, has been conducting the school with marked success.

A cordial invitation is always extended to the citizens to visit the schools. A special invitation is now given to all to come and inspect the new building.

On March fifteenth, the Friday before the spring vacation, there will be an exhibition of school work. At this time the collection of the products of our native trees will be on display. We trust that parents and friends will encourage pupils and teachers by their presence.

In closing this report it gives me much pleasure to express

my gratitude to the teachers for their unfailing zeal and courtesy; and to the committee for their cordiality and honorable methods of dealing.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW S. THOMSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1907-1908

March 15.	Schools close for Spring vacation. Fourteen weeks in term.
March 25.	Schools open for Spring term.
June 14.	Schools close for Summer vacation. Twelve weeks in term.
September 9.	Schools open for Fall term.
November 27.	Schools close for Thanksgiving. Twelve weeks in term.
December 2.	Schools open for Winter term.
December 20.	Schools close for Christmas.
December 30.	Schools open. Fifteen weeks in term.
March 20, 1908.	Schools close for Spring vacation.
March 30.	Schools open.

CENSUS REPORT

School Census of September, 1906

Number of children in town between 5 and 15:		
Boys	90	
Girls	82	
Total		172
Number of children in town between 7 and 14:		
Boys	72	
Girls	57	
Total		129

ROLL OF HONOR

NECK SCHOOL

Roger Lovett, 2
Gustaf Peterson, 1
Clarence Powers, 1
Louis Lovett, 1
Leslie Lovett, 1
Dorothy Kilham, 1
Ruth Cole, 1

CENTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Arthur Saunders, 2
George Duncanson, 2
George Saunders, 2
Elwyn Cannon, 1
Carl Carey, 1
Marjorie Hill, 1
Arthur James,
Helen Trott,
Florence Wilds,
John Williams,
Lincoln Grush,
Millard Perkins,
Charlotte Rogers,

CENTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Laura Boyle, 1
Myron Clarke, 2
Beatrice Dodge, 1
Marion Gray, 1
Ernest Homan, 1
Hammond Homan, 1
Kate O'Connor, 2
Louis Patch, 1
Elizabeth Perkins, 1
Mildred Perkins, 3
Ruth Perkins, 3
Marion Stanley, 3
Blanch Stanton, 3
Helen Tarr, 2
Norman Tarr, 3
Edna Trefry, 1
Harold Trefry, 2
Raymond Trott, 1
Albert Jones, 1
Robert Jones, 1
Marion Wheeler, 2
Alonzo Whiting, 2
Florence Whiting, 1
Ida Whiting, 2
Ellen Duncanson, 1
Eva Stanley, 2
Harold Trefry, 1
George Grant, 1
Carrie Stanton, 1
Robert Tarr, 2
Louis Tarr, 1

EAST SCHOOL

Anna Williams, 3
Gertie Williams, 3
George Williams, 3
Walter Williams, 3
Galean Campbell, 2
Leverett Campbell, 2
Willie Campbell, 2
Malcom Campbell, 1

School Attendance

1905-1906

	Months and days	No. enrolled	No. boys enrolled	No. girls enrolled	Average membership	Average attendance	Average per cent.	No. between 5 and 15	No. between 7 and 14	No. over 15	No. under 5
Center Grammar School	9 m. 10 d.	51	27	24	49	47	96	48	41	3	0
Center Primary School	9 m. 10 d.	41	20	21	49	39	91	40	17	0	1
Neck School	9 m. 10 d.	30	15	15	24	21	89	29	25	0	1
East School	9 m. 14 d.	12	6	6	9	9	97	11	10	1	0
West School	9 m. 7 d.	11	7	4	11	10	91	11	7	0	0
		145	75	70	142	126	93	139	100	4	2

Year 1905-1906

TEACHERS, SALARIES, SCHOOLS, ETC.

Name	Schools	Grades	Salary	Where Educated
Miss Julia Shipman	Center Grammar	IV—VIII	$13	Bridgewater Normal
Miss Harriett L. Abbot	Center Primary	I—III	10	Bridgewater Normal
Miss Florence Norton	Neck School	I—VIII	10	Salem Normal
Miss Gertrude Kennison	East School	I—VIII	8	Beverly Training
Miss Florence Tadgell	West School	I—VIII	8	Salem Normal
Mr. George Smith	Music		5 (every other week)	
Miss Isabel Chine	Drawing		5 (every other week)	

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM, MASS.

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1906

BEVERLY, MASS.
THE CITIZEN PRINTING COMPANY
1907

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

To the Citizens of Wenham:

The Twenty-second Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library for the year 1906 is herewith submitted:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Alice Gertrude Whitney,	Term expires March, 1907
Benjamin H. Conant, Secretary and Librarian,	Term expires March, 1908
Henry A. Moulton, Chairman,	Term expires March, 1909

There have been practically no changes in the manner of administration during the year. The library was closed for the inspection of the property during the month of January. Since that time, with the exception of July Fourth, it has been open for exchange of books every Wednesday at the usual hours.

At the beginning of the year there was an unexpended balance of $78.77, which had been allowed to accumulate in the hope that some desirable reference works might be obtained without interfering too much with the demand for current literature, but at the annual town meeting, in consequence of the lack of accommodations for new books, it was deemed unwise to grant for the use of the library any more money than to barely pay its running expenses for the year. Notwithstanding this action on the part of the town, there has been a constant demand for new books, and the pressure has been so great that the balance referred to has nearly all been expended.

There appears to be an increasing interest in the library among the younger people of the town, and in making our purchases, their needs have been duly considered, nearly one-half of the new books being suitable for their use.

In addition to books purchased, numerous gifts have been received from various sources, consisting of books, magazines, etc. Many of these are government publications (National and

State), which though not suitable for general circulation, are of great value to the student for reference purposes. Others are of a more popular character, especially those presented by Mr. John A. Burnham and Mrs. James Neilson. These have been much appreciated by the general reading public. Mrs. Neilson, who has several times before contributed books to the library, is a native of Wenham, a daughter of the late Prof. Isaac B. Woodbury, who half a century or more ago resided near the lake and was quite prominent in musical circles. He will doubtless be well remembered by the older inhabitants of the town. A complete list of the donors of gifts may be found in the table of statistics appended, to each and all of whom sincere thanks are hereby extended.

There seems to be at the present time a prospect of better accommodations for the library in the near future. For several years it has been intimated that when the new school house, now nearly completed, is ready for use, that the room in the town-house now occupied by the Grammar school will be granted for the use of the library. We earnestly hope that this will be done, and that the town will make a sufficient appropriation to fit it for library purposes. To do this adequately will require a much larger sum than has been customary to appropriate in past years, probably not less than five hundred dollars. Sufficient shelf room should be provided not only for present needs, but for several years to come, besides such other furniture and fixtures as may be necessary to carry on the work of the library. It is also desirable that the books should be reclassified and catalogued in accordance with more modern methods, or, at least, that a second supplement to the present catalogue, embracing all the books which have been added to the library since the publication of the first supplement in 1898, should be compiled and printed.

The Ladies' Village Improvement Society have kindly offered to render assistance in fitting and arranging the new rooms for library purposes, provided the town sees fit to allow the use of it for the library.

STATISTICS OF THE LIBRARY.

For the Year 1906

CIRCULATION

Days on which the Library has been open afternoon and evening	46
Volumes lent at Central Library	2799
" " " East Wenham Delivery	190
" " " West Wenham Delivery	140
" " " Wenham Neck Delivery	350
Whole number of volumes lent	3479
Volumes renewed	177
Average weekly delivery	76
Largest weekly delivery, April 18	117
Smallest weekly delivery, May 30	34
Number of different individuals who have taken books during the year	279
(As follows: Central Library, 209; East Wenham, 21; West Wenham, 10; Wenham Neck, 39.)	
New names added during the year	49
Whole number of different individuals who have taken books since the adoption of the present system of administration (1893)	868

CLASSIFICATION AND USE

	Volumes catalogued Dec. 31, 1905	Volumes added 1906	Volumes catalogued Dec. 31, 1906	Volumes lent at Central Library	Volumes lent at East Wenham Delivery	Volumes lent at West Wenham Delivery	Volumes lent at Wenham Neck Delivery	Whole number of Volumes lent
History	426	9	435	106	5	3	19	133
Biography	328	8	336	34	8	2	6	50
Travel	268	7	275	117	5	7	14	143
Science	226	4	230	99	2	9	15	125
Poetry	54	2	56	15	2	0	1	18
Religion	98	2	100	11	4	0	1	16
Miscellaneous	463	15	478	92	1	2	8	103
Total Non-Fiction	1863	47	1910	474	27	23	64	588
Fiction	1788	60	1848	2325	163	117	286	2891
Total including Fiction	3651	107	3758	2799	190	140	350	3479

PER CENT. OF CIRCULATION

	Central Library	E. Wenham Delivery	W. Wenham Delivery	Wenham Neck Delivery	Whole Library
Non-Fiction	16.93	14.21	16.43	18.28	16.90
Fiction	83.07	85.79	83.57	81.72	83.10
	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY

	Catalogued	Not Catalogued	Total
Volumes added during the year			
by purchase	85	0	85
by gift	22	117	139
Whole number volumes added, 1906,	107	117	224
Volumes in Library, Dec. 31, 1905,	3651	1173	4824
" " Dec. 31, 1906,	3758	1290	5048
Pamphlets in Library, Dec. 31, 1905,			1210
" added by gift, 1906,			107
" in Library, Dec. 1906,			1317

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Miscellaneous
Alley, Henry, Wenham,	2		
Beverly Citizen (Publishers)			1 sub.
Burnham, John A., Wenham,	9		Magazines, etc.
Carnegie, Andrew		1	
Conant, Woodbury P., Salem,			Miscel. matter
Davis, Mrs. Roswill, Wenham,	1		
Essex Institute, Salem,	1		
Galloupe, Augustus A., Beverly,	18	3	
Gardner, Hon. A. P., M. C., Washington, D. C.			Cong. Record
Gould, Miss Elizabeth P., Boston,			Magazines, etc.
Kilham, Mrs. Hannah, Beverly,	41		
Lake Mohonk Conference, N. Y.,		2	
Libby, Mrs. Herbert A., Wenham,			Magazines
Libraries			
Beverly, Public Library,		1	
Everett, Shute Memorial Library,		1	
Marblehead, Abbot Public Library,		1	
Salem, Public Library,		1	
Topsfield, Town Library,		1	

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Miscellaneous
Lytle, John J., Philadelphia, Pa.,		1	
Massachusetts State Publications.			
Board of Agriculture (per N. E. Perkins)	1	1	
Board ot Charity,		1	
Civil Service (Woman's Auxiliary)		10	
Hatch Experiment Station, Amherst,		6	
Office, Sec'y of the Commonwealth,	34	2	
State Forest Service,		8	
State Library,		1	
Statistics of Labor,		6	
Medford Mercury (Publishers)		1	
Moulton, Henry A., Wenham,			Miscel. matter
Neilson, Mrs. James, New Brunswick, N. J.,	16		
Penn. Institute, Deaf and Dumb,		1	
Perkins, Mrs. George H., Wenham,			Magazines
Pool, Wellington, Wenham,	4		Miscel. matter
Sewall, Prof. John S., Bangor, Me.,	1		
Soldiers' Home, Chelsea,		1	
Salem Water Board,		1	
United States Government Publications			
Bureau of American Republics,			Magazines
Bureau of Education,	2	8	
Civil Service Commission,	1		
Department of Agriculture,		26	
Interstate Commerce Commission,	4		
Library of Congress,	2	18	
Naval War Records Office,	1		
Smithsonian Institution,	1		
Wenham, Town of,		2	
Witham, Frank A., Wenham,			Magazines
Woodbury, John, Lynn,		1	
Unknown,		1	
	139	107	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Unexpended balance with Town Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1905,		$ 78 77
Town appropriation, March, 1906,	100 00	
Receipts at Library from fines, etc.,	7 62	
		$186 39

EXPENDITURES

For Library service		
Benjamin H. Conant, librarian,	$50 00	
Henry A. Moulton, services,	11 40	
A. Gertrude Whitney, "	11 10	
Addison Williams, E. Wenham delivery,	10 00	
George V. Bowden, W. Wenham "	10 00	
H. Adeline Wilkins, Wenham Neck "	10 00	
		$102 50
For Books		
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, Salem, 30 vols.	$22 02	
Congregational House, Boston, 28 vols.	25 03	
Charles E. Lauriat Co., 5 "	5 00	
Old Corner Bookstore, 4 "	3 43	
Benjamin H. Conant, various places, 18 vols.	11 88	
		$67 36
For Miscellaneous Items		
Library record (2 years)	$ 1 80	
Subscription, "Amateur Work"	1 00	
American express,	1 35	
Preston's express,	50	
Postage, money orders and incidentals,	2 75	
		7 40
Total expenditures,		$177 26
Unexpended balance with Town Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1906,		9 13

Dec. 31, 1906. Paid Horace E. Durgin, Town Treasurer, the amount received at the Library for fines, etc., during the year 1906,		7 62

EDWIN D. HAWKINS' FUND

Amount of Mr. Hawkins' legacy, received 1897,		$125 00
Deposited in Beverly Savings Bank, Oct. 1897,	$100 00	
Balance appropriated for the purchase ol books;	25 00	
Accrued interest on deposit to Oct. 1906,	37 48	
		162 48
Expended for books (15 volumes) previous to Dec. 31, 1906,		23 55
Amount of fund, Dec. 31, 1906,		$138 93

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN H. CONANT,

Sec'y of Trustees and Librarian,
Wenham Public Library.

Wenham, Mass., Feb. 5 1907.

Town of Wenham

Annual Reports

1907

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

AND THE

REPORTS OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

Trustees of the Public Library

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1907

BEVERLY, MASS.
THE CITIZEN PRINTING COMPANY
1908

TOWN OFFICERS

For the Year 1907-1908.

Moderator: Horace E. Durgin.

Town Clerk: William P. Porter.

Selectmen: Herbert W. Porter, Chairman; Nathaniel P. Perkins, Clerk; Charles H. McQueeny.

Assessors: Nathaniel P. Perkins, Chairman; Charles H. McQueeny, Clerk; Herbert W. Porter.

Overseers of the Poor: Charles H. McQueeny, Chairman; Nathaniel P. Perkins, Clerk; Herbert W. Porter.

Fence Viewers: Herbert W. Porter, Nathaniel P. Perkins, Charles H. McQueeny.

Town Treasurer: Horace E. Durgin.

Collector of Taxes: Fred P. Stanton.

Auditor: W. Arthur Trowt.

School Committee: George V. Bowden, Chairman, 1909; Elbridge Porter, Secretary, 1910; Addison Williams, 1908.

Constables: George V. Bowden, Ira W. Heywood, Joseph F. Lynch.

Special Police: George V. Bowden, Chief; Ira W. Heywood, Joseph F. Lynch.

Trustees of the Public Library: Henry A. Moulton, Chairman, 1909; Benjamin H. Conant, Secretary and Librarian, 1908; Alice Gertrude Whitney, 1910.

Board of Health: Benjamin F. Young, Chairman, 1908; John R. Sargent, Agent, 1909; Marland H. Eaton, M. D., Secretary, 1910.

Commissioners of Public Cemetery: Benjamin F. Young, Chairman, 1910; Warren Jones, 1909; Samuel K. Evans, 1908.

Surveyors of Highways: Wards 1 and 2, Addison Williams; Ward 3, James F. Cole; Wards 4 and 5, Samuel K. Evans; Wards 6, Jacob D. Barnes; Ward 7, James F. Crockett; Ward 8, James S. Brown; Ward 9, Charles W. Perkins.

Tree Warden: Jacob D. Barnes.

Sealer of Weights and Measures: James H. Perkins, Jr.

Field Driver: William F. Homan.

Surveyors of Lumber and Measures of Wood and Bark: A. D. Prince, Herbert W. Porter, Henry D. Stillman.

Town Weighers: William P. Dodge, William F. Trowt, Henry D. Stillman.

Fire Wards and Forest Fire Wards: Horace E. Durgin, Chief; Frank H. Tarr, Clerk; Levi S. Lord, Horace A. Kilham, Chester S. Cook, Addison Williams, Daniel A. Homan.

Inspector of Animals: Henry Alley.

Keeper of Lockup and Tramps: John C. Richards.

Finance and Advisory Committee: The Selectmen (ex-officio); Charles F. Elliott, 1908; George H. Perkins, 1908; Roswill Davis, 1909; Frank E. Perkins, 1909; Elbridge R. Anderson, 1910; Arthur D. Prince, 1910.

Nominating Committee: Six at large and one for each highway ward.

At Large: Arthur R. Hawkins, George H. Perkins, James B. Pickett (chairman), Edward L. Rollins, Charles J. Trott, George W. Wilson.

By Wards: Ward 1, Clarence N. Preston; Ward 2, Francis S. Lovett; Ward 3, Horace A. Kilham; Ward 4, George W. Wildes; Ward 5, Edgar N. Porter; Ward 6, Levi S. Lord (Secretary); Ward 7, Joseph F. Lynch; Ward 8, Luther W. Batchelder; Ward 9, George E. Perkins.

REPORT

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SNOW

WARDS ONE AND TWO

Paid Addison Williams,	labor	$	2 89	
H. D. Stillman,	"		15 40	
W. H. Beck,	"		5 78	
B. F. Burchstead,	"		5 33	
D. W. Preston,	"		1 76	
L. H. Preston,	"		1 65	
J. W. Higgins,	"		55	
T. Higgins,	"		55	
S. K. Prince,	"		1 76	
F. T. Johnson,	"		5 54	
F. S. Lovett,	"		1 76	
G. H. Wyatt,	"		3 75	
				$46 72

WARD THREE

Paid John Morgan,	labor	$	2 66	
Royden Young,	"		2 42	
Austin Corning,	"		2 97	
S. R. Prince Co.,	"		8 12	
				$16 17

WARDS FOUR AND FIVE

Paid Frank Tarr,	labor	$	35 92	
Roy Stanley,	"		11 77	
Eben Stanley,	"		3 11	
Ira Heywood	"		9 45	
P. O'Connor,	"		3 54	
C. Alexander,	"		6 45	
John Williams,	"		6 78	
L. A. Dodge,	"		6 34	
A. M. Harrigan,	"		3 55	
S. K. Evans,	"		25 49	
J. M. Foy,	"		2 00	
T. W. Batchelder,	"		2 89	
George Landers,	"		2 00	
L. S. Beadle,	"		1 33	
Edmond Batchelder,	"		2 00	
C. L. Webber,	"		2 00	
				$124 52

WARD SIX

Paid J. D. Barnes,	labor	$ 13	20	
G. W. Jones,	"	8	89	
Eben Stanley,	"	5	78	
T. F. Glavin,	"	3	11	
Everett Stanley,	"	2	78	
Howard Knowlton,	"	3	11	
T. M. Barnes,	"	7	14	
P. O'Connor,	"	2	00	
Everett Knowlton,	"	4	67	
M. Brooks,	"	2	00	
William Brown,	"	2	00	
				$54 68

WARD SEVEN

Paid J. F. Crockett,	labor	$ 22	11	
George Perkins,	"	7	21	
D. Harrigan,	"	4	43	
W. Cook,	"	1	33	
W. H. Burnham,	"	1	78	
W. Putnam,	"	2	00	
A. Peabody,	"		86	
				$39 75

WARD EIGHT

Paid James S. Brown,	labor	$ 8	67	
C. E. Kimball,	"	4	00	
				$12 67

WARD NINE

Paid Charles W. Perkins,	labor	$ 10	00	$10 00
Total snow expense				$304 61

HIGHWAY REPAIRS

WARDS ONE AND TWO

Paid Addison Williams,	labor	$ 19	79	
D. W. Preston,	"	12	52	
H. D. Stillman,	"	12	75	
W. H. Beck,	"	3	75	
S. K. Prince,	"	13	50	
Winslow Day,	"	9	75	
J. Knowlton,	gravel	5	25	
				$ 77 31

WARDS FOUR AND FIVE

Paid	Frank H. Tarr,	labor	$ 48 38	
	Fred S. Knowlton,	"	49 89	
	Thos. M. Barnes,	"	15 00	
	A. M. Harrigan,	"	12 89	
	H. R. Merrill,	"	2 00	
	S. K. Evans,	"	37 43	
	Roy Stanley,	"	5 11	
	Edmund L. Batchelder,	"	2 00	
	T. Glavin,	"	2 00	
	Geo. W. Jones,	"	2 00	
	Jacob D. Barnes,	"	2 22	
	Frank A. Stanley,	gravel	3 90	

WARD SIX

Paid	Jacob D. Barnes,	labor	$ 14 06	
	Thos. M. Barnes,	"	22 77	
	Geo. W. Jones,	"	9 67	
	Everett Knowlton,	"	5 67	
	Wm. P. Porter,	"	9 00	
	Howard Knowlton,	"	9 00	
	E. Stanley,	"	3 00	
	A. E. Foster,	"	5 67	
	S. M. Knowlton,	"	5 00	
	Eben Stanley	"	1 11	
	Jacob D. Barnes,	gravel	1 60	
				$ 86 55

WARD SEVEN

Paid	J. Frank Crockett,	labor	$ 66 75	
	" "	gravel	11 70	
	G. W. Wilson,	labor	10 00	
	A. H. Peabody,	"	17 00	
	E. L. Kimball,	"	9 00	
	M. Sullivan,	"	5 00	
	T. M. Barnes,	"	5 00	
	F. H. Tarr,	"	5 00	
	Geo. W. Peabody,	"	5 00	
	W. S. Putnam,	"	15 50	
				$149 95

WARD EIGHT

Paid	James S. Brown,	labor	$ 39 49	
	B. H. Tracy,	"	12 22	
	Chas. L. Kimball,	"	7 33	

Paid Edward L. Kimball,	labor		$ 5 55	
Charles H. Stanton,	"		12 66	
Roy Stanley,	"		3 55	
Paul P. Hanson,	"		2 00	
James S. Brown,	gravel		6 80	
		WARD NINE		
Paid Charles W. Perkins,	labor		$ 84 95	
H. N. Whiting,	"		9 00	
Charles Webber,	"		7 00	
John Williams,	"		10 00	
Charles W. Perkins,	gravel		4 65	
				$115 60
Total highway				$701 83

GYPSY MOTH DEPARTMENT

Paid Jacob D. Barnes,	superintendent	$532 15	
" "	use of team	296 26	
Thomas M. Barnes,	" "	42 03	
Augustus Foster,	labor	252 88	
George W. Jones,	"	386 06	
Everett Knowlton,	"	379 99	
Everett Stanley	"	75 00	
Howard Knowlton,	"	193 45	
J. Saunders,	"	18 00	
Thos. Stewart,	"	16 00	
William P. Porter,	"	252 21	
E. P. Stanley,	"	125 89	
Patrick O'Connor,	"	79 55	
Roy Stanley,	"	46 56	
W. McQueeny,	"	22 67	
T. Glavin,	"	121 37	
W. Cook,	"	13 00	
J. Davison,	"	4 00	
R. Foy,	"	12 00	
R. L. Dodge,	"	8 00	
W. Wildes,	"	4 00	
Frost Insecticide Co.,	supplies	362 58	
Stoddard, Haserick & Richards,	burlap	256 50	
Bowker Insecticide Co.,	supplies	11 00	
J. W. Goodhue,	hardware	57 87	

Paid	A. W. Chesterton, brushes	$ 4 50
	Beverly Times, advertisement	2 00
	J. A. Barnes, clerical work	5 00
	J. D. Barnes, cash paid for expenses	28 87
	H. L. Frost & Co., supplies	4 70
	Whitcomb-Carter Co., supplies	2 75
	H. W. Porter, wire laths	3 10
	Samuel Cabot, creosote	5 58
	Jenney Mfg. Co., tree oil	38 23
	O. E. McQueeny & Son, lineman's belt	3 00
	Charles S. Gwinn, cement	1 20
	Item Press, notices	1 50
	Fitz, Dana Co., tin patches	15 88
	Collins Hardware Co., supplies	7 38
	Joseph Breck, "	3 78
	A. D. Trowt, postage	2 26
	H. E. Durgin, repairs	7 65
	A. C. Cummings, carriage hire	2 00
	Total	———$3,708 40

REPORT OF GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTH WORK

The condition of the trees on the highways shows a great improvement over last year. In the residential portions of the town, the gypsy moth is on the decrease, but the brown tail seems to have made an increase. In the orchards, wherever the trees have been found in bad condition, the worst ones have been removed; the others have been cemented or tin patched wherever needed. This work is done in compliance with ordrs from the state. We have nearly all of the central part of the town finished at the present time.

Quite a number of the residents have had their trees cemented or tin patched as the occasion required, which shows that there is more interest being taken to preserve trees.

We had 4,181 street trees burlaped last year; also 15,044 trees on private property burlaped. The spraying of all the street trees, which were infested, was a great success. As the spraying season is so short the street trees are about all that we have had time to treat with our present limited facilities for this work.

Up to the present time we have not scouted over much of the woodland, but what we have been over is in bad shape. The state is taking care of all the woodland east of the Baptist Church this year. As the appropriation is somewhat smaller this year, I hardly think we shall have much to work up in the woodland. Some of our largest woodland owners in the western part of the town are having their lots cared for privately, which is a great help.

In behalf of the Town, I wish to thank all who have in any way helped the extermination of the moths the past year.

J. D. BARNES,
Local Superintendent.

EXTRA HIGHWAY WORK

Paid	C. S. Gwinn, extra work on Walnut st. bridge.	$ 400 00
	Barbour Stockwell Co., castings	30 00
	W. A. Webb, building catch basins	52 74
	C. S. Gwinn, pipe and cement	84 65
	Connolly Bros., labor in wards 1 and 2	100 00
	C. F. Elliott, Brewer fence, Arbor st.	12 80
	H. E. Durgin, repairs on tools	25 50
	J. D. Barnes, sanding Walnut st. hill	21 56
	J. F. Pope & Son, stock for guard rail (Rogers est.)	25 17
	H. W. Porter, labor on " " " "	7 96
	J. D. Barnes, labor	26 96
	" " teaming	15 92
	" " gravel	3 80
	Howard Knowlton, labor	15 45
	George W. Jones, "	33 22
	Aug. E. Foster, "	6 67
	Everett Knowlton, "	10 00
	Sargent Knowlton, "	5 00
	William P. Porter, "	30 00
	Everett Stanley, "	2 00
		$909 74

MR. SOHIER'S LETTER.

NOTE.—The following letter from Mr. Sohier will show that this gentleman has raised and expended $1,620.78 in repairs and improvements upon the roads in town this year; $9.21 more than the town expenditures for regular and extra highway work:

Boston, Sept. 25, 1907.

Herbert W. Porter, Esq.,
Chairman of Selectmen, Wenham, Mass.

Dear Sir: I feel that you and your fellow townsmen will like to be informed about the work done and the money spent on your roads this year. It was all raised by subscription and paid by me.

You will remember that we made some repairs in the spring, amounting to $281.06, of which the town paid $100 and I the balance, $181.06. Since then, this summer, the road from the Beverly line to the Myopia Club, back avenue, has been repaired and oiled.

The labor and repairs cost	$694 21
8,770 Gallons of road bed oil	438 50
	$1,132 71

This makes $1,313.77 that I have raised and spent on that road this year—3 3-10 miles in length.

In addition to this we put quite a little money into patching, and we shaped, repaired and oiled Essex street from Means' to the Hamilton line, and on to Mr. Bush's entrance in Hamilton. I cannot separate this, but the total cost for the 7,060 feet was:

4,200 Gallons oil	$210 00
Labor, etc.,	278 07
	$488 07

I don't know how long the part of Essex street in Wenham is, but the cost must have been about six cents a foot, as we oiled 12 feet wide.

I write not only to give you the information, but in hopes the town will next year take this expenditure into consideration and do the fair thing toward repairing these roads. Repairs alone ought to be at least $100 a mile a year, to prevent a road from getting entirely out of repair and so losing the benefit of what has been spent on it in former years.

Thanking you for your interest, I am

Yours truly,

WM. D. SOHIER.

BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSES

Paid	Citizen Printing Co., printing	$18 50
	Salem News, "	2 50
	Beverly Times, "	3 00
	Dr. Eaton, vaccinating school children	23 00
	P. F. Tierney, sheriff fees	5 14
	John R. Sargent, services	22 50
	Dr. M. H. Eaton, "	16 40
	Henry Alley, " 1906	13 40
	" " " as inspector of provisions	40 00
		$144 04

STREET LIGHTING

Paid	Welsbach Street Lighting Co., for maintaining and operating 77 lamps for the year	$1663 20

TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Paid	John Girdler for coal	$ 99 97
	W. Pool, janitor service	39 76
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies	4 65
	H. E. Durgin, repairs	1 25
		$145 63

PARKS

Paid	William T. Tucker, for care of park and town yard	$38 59

TOWN HALL ALTERATIONS

Paid	Pitman & Brown Co., library furnishings	$505 20
	Rogers & Chase, furnaces	305 00
	" " curtains	14 15
	Arthur B. Curtis, vault doors	100 00
	Library Bureau, library furniture	171 50
	H. W. Porter, carpenter stock and labor	559 98
	Ira Heywood, labor	31 66
	Robert Robertson Co., plumbing	100 08
	W. Arthur Webb, mason work	216 65
	P. H. Gallivan, bricks	159 60
	C. S. Gwinn, masons' supplies	74 10
	Thomas M. Barnes, sand and teaming	15 47
	Charles F. Elliott, stock and labor in library	36 41
	E. A. Lane, painting and papering in library	70 00
	D. E. Woodard, electric wiring	159 50
		$2,519 30

NEW FIRE CISTERN MAIN STREET

Paid	Charles S. Gwinn, cistern and two catch basins	$269 12
	Thomas M. Barnes, teaming	17 73
		$286 85

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paid	John Girdler for coal	$ 30 38
	W. F. Homan, janitor and extra service	54 35
	Thomas M. Barnes, hauling engine	10 00
	Paul Hanson, watching fires	4 00
	Joseph F. Lynch, " "	2 00
	T. W. Batchelder, " "	3 00
	Horace A. Kilham, " "	50
	William P. Porter, " "	2 00
	Thomas Sargent, " "	2 00
	Charles W. Taylor, " "	2 00
	C. Harvey Gilbert, " "	2 00
	Charles Carey, " "	2 00
	William F. Homan, " "	2 00
	Charles R. Taylor, " "	2 00
	William Tuttle, " "	1 00

Paid H. E. Durgin,	supplies	$ 4 98
A. D. & W. F. Trowt,	"	9 62
Fred P. Stanton,	"	38 84
Lee Electric Co., wiring engine house		36 20
Beverly Gas and Electric Co., current		11 76
Harry B. Pulsifer, clerk, salaries of company		50 00
Fred H. Brooks, labor and teaming		3 50
		$274 13

TREE WARDEN'S DEPARTMENT

Paid J. W. Goodhue,	supplies	$ 2 25
T. C. Thurlow,	trees	22 00
Horace E. Durgin,	supplies	1 75
J. D. Barnes,	labor	9 41
Everett Stanley,	"	4 00
Everett Knowlton,	"	2 00
Howard Knowlton,	"	2 00
George W. Jones,	"	2 00
Eben Stanley	"	2 00
		$47 41

January 1st, 1908.

Amount of town appropriation		$50 00
Paid for 50 maple trees	$22 00	
" " labor and supplies	25 41	
		$47 41
Unexpended balance		$ 2 59

I have set out 5 trees on Topsfield Road
13 " " Cherry St.
24 " " Cedar St.
3 " " Porter St.
and 10 " " Arbor St.

Five of which were purchased by Mr. Hosmer.

Total number of trees on the highways in town, 4181

These trees are in very good condition; a great deal of dead

wood has been removed during the past year and there is still more pruning to be done. I have found the Elm Leaf Beetle on three trees: one on Dodge St., one on Maple St. and one on Topsfield Road.

JACOB D. BARNES,
Tree Warden.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Caroline C. Soper

Paid Joseph Kent, wood, 1906	$15 00		
Dr. H. K. Foster, medical attendance	50 00		
Lee Pharmacy, medicine	27 11		
Town of Peabody, aid furnished	48 25		
Cash paid for her aid	16 00		
		$150	36

Mrs. Annie M. Babcock

Paid City of Melrose, aid furnished	$109 67	$109	67

Mrs. Thomas M. Clarke

Paid cash toward her support	$96 00	$96	00
		$362	03

TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN CLERK

Paid Wellington Pool, 2 months' salary	$10 00
William P. Porter, 10 " "	50 00

MODERATOR

Paid Horace E. Durgin, salary	5 00

TREASURER

Paid Horace E. Durgin, salary	100 00

ELECTION OFFICERS

Paid Henry A. Moulton, election officer	5 00
Harry B. Pulsifer, " "	2 50
Frank H. Tarr, " "	10 00

Paid N. Porter Perkins,	election officer	$ 2 50
Charles H. McQueeny,	" "	2 50
Herbert W. Porter,	" "	2 50
William F. McQueeny,	ballot clerk	2 00
William P. Porter,	" "	2 00

SELECTMEN

Paid Herbert W. Porter,	26 days' service	65 00
" "	journeys out of town and expense	34 25
N. Porter Perkins,	21 days' service	52 50
" "	journeys out of town	8 00
" "	distributing reports	1 00
Charles H. McQueeny,	23 days' service	57 50
" "	distributing reports	2 00
" "	journeys out of town	8 00

ASSESSORS

Paid N. Porter Perkins,	17 days' service	42 50
" "	service at Tax Commissioner's office	15 00
" "	copying valuation book	11 00
Charles H. McQueeny,	11 days' service	27 50
Herbert W. Porter,	6 " "	15 00

OVERSEERS OF POOR

Paid Charles H. McQueeny,	services	5 00
" "	journeys out of town	12 00
N. Porter Perkins,	services	5 00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Paid Herbert W. Porter,	services	6 25
N. Porter Perkins,	"	6 25
Charles H. McQueeny,	"	7 50
William P. Porter,	"	5 00
W. Pool,	"	3 75

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paid George V. Bowden,	services	71 25
Addison Williams,	"	37 50
Elbridge Porter,	"	25 00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paid George V. Bowden,	services	23 88
Ira W. Heywood,	" 3 years	29 00
" "	court orders	10 42
Joseph F. Lynch,	services	8 40

AUDITOR

Paid W. Arthur Trowt, 1905-1906	10 00

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Paid Henry Alley, 1906	35 00
	$834 45

POOR DEPARTMENT

Mary Tuttle

Paid Town of Peabody, cash for board, etc., 18 mos.	$260 35

Ellen Terrio

City of Salem, hospital charges	16 00

Children of Arthur F. Merrill

City of Beverly	$ 7 00	
" " Salem	38 00	
		$45 00

William B. Brown

Dr. M. H. Eaton, services	2 00

Family of Harry Williams

Town of Hingham, aid rendered and funeral expenses	188 73
	$ 512 08

TOWN INCIDENTALS

Paid N. E. Telephone Co., for tolls	$ 14 80
Beverly Citizen Printing Co., town reports	84 25
" " " " stationary	22 10
Hobbs & Warren, stationary	50
Miss Ruth Bowden, stenographer	10 00
Benj. F. Young, returning deaths	4 25
Thomas Groom & Co., record book	7 00
Item Press, printing	5 85
Wenham Veteran Association, town appropriation	75 00
William P. Porter, recording vital statistics	9 40

Paid	William F. Trowt, insurance on town hall	$ 62	50
	" " " " " engine house	21	12
	" " " " employers' liability	50	00
	Kavanaugh Brothers, memorial stone (Pilgrim memorial monument at Provincetown	45	00
	Mitchell Mfg. Co., police badges	3	00
	J. Kavanaugh, water supply	15	00
	Lila D. Stott, court abstracts	11	00
	I. W. Allen, official ballots	18	50
	B. H. Conant, care of town clock	20	00
	Frank R. Schaller, tuning piano	2	00
	E. A. Lane, painting and gilding town clock	50	00
	Dr. Boutelle, returning birth		50
	Paul Hanson, labor on snow fence	1	11
	Thos. M. Barnes, carriage hire	4	50
	J. F. Pope & Sons, stock for snow fence	5	75
	C. A. Metcalf, surveying	11	40
	T. A. Moynehan, cleaning vault	10	00
	Alden P. White, council fees	35	00
	City of Beverly, use of ambulance	7	00
	W. Pool, administering oaths	3	00
	" " recording vital statistics	3	40
	" " cash paid for express, etc.	2	80
	H. W. Porter, administering oaths	10	50
	N. P. Perkins, cash paid for tax collector's book and blanks	1	75
	W. P. Porter, cash paid for supplies	10	45
	" " journey to Ipswich	3	00
	" " administering oaths	9	00
		$650	43

MILITARY AID

Paid	B. F. Young	$144 00	$144 00

STATE AID

Paid	Henry P. Brewer	$72 00
	E. K. Stanley	72 00
	B. F. Burchstead	48 00
	A. W. Dodge	60 00
	C. B. Dodge	72 00

Paid Elbridge Porter	$54 00	
John W. Morgan	24 00	
Ed. F. Stanley	48 00	
Mary A. Stanley	48 00	
Michael Buckley	40 00	
Pheobe Buckley	40 00	
James F. Currant	72 00	
Harriet E. Currant	48 00	
Richard A. Bridges	54 00	
Hannah H. Bridges	36 00	
Mary E. Woodman	48 00	
Rebecca D. Johnson	48 00	
Martha J. Gilbert	40 00	
		$924 00

Summary of Town Expenses

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

	Received	Expended	Balance
Balance from last year	$ 328 27		
Town appropriation	4,775 00		
Other sources	1,278 12		
	$6,381 39	$6,377 34	$4 05

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	Received	Expended	Overdraft
Town appropriation	250 00	274 13	24 13

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

	Received	Expended	Balance
Town appropriation	500 00	362 03	137 97

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	Received	Expended	Balance
Town appropriation	1,000 00	701 83	298 17

EXTRA HIGHWAY WORK

	Received	Expended	Balance
Street R. R. excise tax	576 71		
Town appropriation	1,000 00		
	1,576 71	909 74	666 97

PUBLIC LIBRARY

	Received	Expended	Balance
Town appropriation	200 00		
Balance from last year	9 13		
From fines	8 00		
	217.13	134 56	82 57

TREE WARDEN'S DEPARTMENT

Received	Expended	Balance
50 00	47 41	2 59

STREET LIGHTING

	Received	Expended	Balance
Town appropriation	1,665 00	1,663 20	1 80

POOR DEPARTMENT

Received	Expended	Overdraft
500 00	512 08	12 08

INTEREST

	Received	Expended	Overdraft
Appropriation	600 00		
Interest on school house notes		390 00	
" temporary loans		183 12	
" trust funds		178 50	
	600 00	751 62	151 62

INCIDENTALS

	Received	Expended	Overdraft
Appropriation	$2,200 00		
State and military aid	790 00		
One-half pay cattle inspector	17 50		
Removing snow		304 61	
Town officers and police		834 45	
Board of health		144 04	
Town hall expense		145 63	
Care of parks		38 59	
State and military aid		1,068 00	
Other incidental expenses		650 43	
	3,007 50	3,185 75	178 25

MOTH DEPARTMENT

	Receipts	Expended	Due from State
Town appropriation	420 00		
Received for private work	15 50		
State reimbursement	2,195 09		
Amount of individual liability	489 97		
	3,120 56	3,708 40	587 84

NEW FIRE CISTERN MAIN STREET

	Received	Expended	Balance
Appropriation	350 00	286 85	63 15

LIST OF DEPARTMENT EXPENSES

Schools	$6,377 34
Town Incidentals	650 43
Fire Department	274 13
Snow bills	304 61
Town Hall	145 63
Town Hall Improvements	2,519 30
Parks	38 59
New Cistern	286 85
Soldiers' Relief	362 03

Tree Warden	47 41
Town Officers	834 45
Extra Highway	909 74
Board of Health	144 04
Street Lighting	1,663 20
Library	134 56
Moth Work	3,708 40
Poor Department	512 08
Highway Repairs	701 83
State and Military Aid	1,068 00
Interest	751 62
School House Note	1,500 00

ASSESSORS' REPORT, 1907

Number of assessed polls	266
Tax on each poll	$2 00
Value of assessed personal property	$1,139,425 00
" " " land	438,525 00
" " " buildings	702,475 00
Total valuation	$2,280,425 00
Tax on polls	532 00
Tax on personal property	9,343 28
" " real estate	9,356 20
Total tax	19,231 48
Rate of taxation per $1000	8 20
Number of horses assessed	233
" " cows "	227
" " swine "	50
" " fowls "	1,200
Dwelling houses assessed	275
Acres of land assessed	4,640
Number of persons assessed on property	437
" " " " " poll only	122
" " " assessed	559

The amount of real estate exempt from taxation under the "Soldiers' exemption act" (Chapter 315, Acts of 1907), for the current year was $15,825 00

By the operation of Chapter 579, Acts of 1907, the assessors for 1908 are to be chosen: One for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years, and annually thereafter one for a term of three years.

Financial Statement

LIABILITIES

Note due trustees of Mary Perkins fund	$3000 00
Interest on same to Jan. 1, 1908	597 21
Note due trustees of Allen cemetery fund	475 00
Interest on the same to Jan. 1, 1908	68 12
Due "Peters Hill Memorial" appropriation	200 00
Balance due cemetery commissioners	3 32
Note due Naumkeag National Bank	2,000 00
Due suppyly wagon for fire department appropriation	200 00
Balance due trustees of public library	82 57
Estimate of outstanding bills	3,000 00
	$9,626 22

RESOURCES

Due from state of Mass. for state aid furnished	$ 924 00
" " " 1-2 of military aid furnished	72 00
" F. P. Stanton, tax collector for 1904	127 44
" " " " " 1905	284 93
" " " " " 1906	795 96
" " " " " 1907	6,844 72
" " " " moth tax for 1906	113 26
" " " " " " 1907	224 05
" state of Mass. bal. on corporation tax for 1907	500 00
Due balance in the treasury	2,693 30
Due from Gypsy Moth Commission, on account of moth work	587 84
	$13,168 50
	9,626 22
Balance in favor of town	$3,542 28

BONDED DEBT

Due Capital Savings Bank and Trust Company, Montpelier, Vt.	$9,000 00

TREASURER'S REPORT

H. E. DURGIN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM

RECEIPTS

Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1907	$	2,113 99
From the Commonwealth, national bank tax		303 23
" " " " bal. 1906		20 25
" " corporation tax		1,260 19
" " " " bal. 1906		1,428 75
" " school fund		770 63
" " street railway tax		603 93
" " state and military aid		790 00
" " ½ comp. of inspection of animals		17 50
" " school superintendent		250 00
" " gypsy moth work		2,195 09
From County, dog tax		226 99
" City of Boston, education of children		26 50
" City of Salem, Longham taxes		104 14
" Naumkeag National Bank, temporary loan		11,000 00
" First District Court		72 18
" Wellington Pool, rent of hall and piano		40 00
" William F. Trowt, town weigher		19 57
" Benjamin H. Conant, librarian, fines, etc.		8 00
" Rogers estate, 1-2 cost of fence		28 60
" Levi S. Lord, 1-2 cost of fence		2 00
" J. D. Barnes, private moth work		15 50
For druggists' licenses		1 00
" junk "		10 00
" cemetery lot		40 00
" sale of junk		5 05
" tuition		4 00
" rent of parsonage		120 00
" interest on deposits		28 59
" rebate on telephone bill		84
From Fred P. Stanton, collector, on account of taxes		19,168 00
		$40,674 52

PAYMENTS

State tax	$2,440 00
County tax	2,554 92
State of Mass., 1-4 druggist's license	25
" " " repairs on state highway	87 70
Naumkeag national bank, temporary loan	9,000 00
New school house fund	600 00
County : Waters river bridge assessment	250 00
Serial town note No. 1	1,500 00
Interest on serial town notes	390 00
" " temporary loan	183 12
" " Allen cemetery fund	19 97
" " Mary Perkins fund	84 45
Cemetery commissioners' orders	188 19
School committee's orders	6,377 34
Selectmen's order	14,305 28
Balance in treasury	2,693 30
	$40,674 52

Amos F. and Henry Hobbs Cemetery Fund

Amount of fund	$150 00	
Interest to Oct. 1907	8 77	
		$158 77

PAYMENTS

By order of trustees	$ 8 00	
Balance on hand	150 77	
		$158 77

Francis M. Dodge Cemetery Fund

Amount of fund	$200 00	$200 00

Addie F. Spear Cemetery Fund

Amount of fund	$100 00	$100 00

Elizabeth Porter Tilton Fund

Amount of fund	$3,000 00	
Interest to Aug. 1907	71 72	
		$3,071 72

John K. Dodge Fund

Amount of fund	$500 00	$500 00

New School House Fund

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1907	$6,401 60
Amount appropriated by note of town	600 00
Refunded from school appropriation for insurance	288 00
" on well	7 00
Sale of hay	23 00
Interest	101 07
	$7,420 67

PAYMENTS

By order of committee	$3,191 27
Balance on hand	4,229 40
	$7,420 67

Report of Trustees of Mary Perkins Fund

Unexpended balance Jan. 1, 1907	$531 66	
Amount of aid furnished needy persons	84 45	
		$447 21
One year's interest to Jan. 1, 1908		150 00
Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1908		$597 21

Report of Trustees of Allen Cemetery Fund

Unexpended balance Jan. 1, 1907	$59 59	
Amount expended by trustees	19 97	
		$39 62
Interest to Jan. 1, 1908		28 50
Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1908		$68 12

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

FRED P. STANTON, Collector

1901

Dr. to balance on tax list	$ 15 76	$ 15 76	
Cr. by abatements	13 79		
by payment to treasurer	2 00		
			$ 15 76

1902

Dr. to balance on tax list	$ 44 62		
to interest on taxes	7 30		
			$ 51 92
Cr. by payments to the treasurer	47 17		
by abatements	4 75		
			$ 51 92

1903

Dr. to balance on tax list	$ 70 80		
to interest on taxes	6 51		
			$ 77 31
Cr. by payments to the treasurer	74 56		
by abatements	2 75		
			$ 77 31

1904

Dr. to balance on tax list	$253 40		
to interest on taxes	15 33		
			$268 73
Cr. by payments to treasurer	127 89		
by abatements	13 40		
by uncollected taxes	127 44		
			$258 73

1905

Dr.	to balance on tax list	$523 00	
	to interest on taxes	16 65	
			$539 65
Cr.	by payments to treasurer	224 91	
	by abatements	29 81	
	by uncollected taxes	284 93	
			$539 35

1906

Dr.	to balance on tax list	$6,795 00	
	to interest on taxes	65 21	
			$6,860 21
Cr.	by payments to treasurer	$6,046 21	
	by abatements	18 04	
	by uncollected taxes	795 96	
			$189 63

1906, Moth Tax

Dr.	to balance on list	$189 63	$189 63
Cr.	by payments to treasurer	76 37	
	by uncollected taxes	113 26	$189 33

1907

Dr.	to tax list for 1907	$19,231 49	
	to additions to tax list	7 25	
	to B. & N. R. R. excise tax	576 71	
			$19,815 45
Cr.	by payments to treasurer	$12,312 74	
	by abatements	583 11	
	by uncollected taxes	6,844 72	
	by discount on early payment of taxes	74 88	
			$19,815 45

Moth Tax, 1907

Dr.	to amount assessed for 1907	$489 97	$489 97
Cr.	by payments to treasurer	$256 15	
	by balance uncollected	224 05	
	by abatements	9 77	
			$489 97

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Wenham, Dec. 31, 1907.

Report of Commissioners of Public Cemetery

Jan. 1, 1907, balance in hands of Town Treasurer	$151 51
From sale of lot	40 00
	$191 51

Paid

B. H. Tracy, care of flower beds	15 00
May 16, C. A. King, printing	7 50
" 17, J. W. Goodhue, tools	3 83
" 21, D. H. Guinivan, flowers	10 00
" 23, B. H. Tracy, labor	15 50
" 27, S. R. Prince Co., fertilizer	1 60
" 27, William Tucker, labor	5 54
" 27, F. A. Tarr, "	8 00
June 28, W. A. Jones, "	38 49
July 1, B. F. Young, "	20 88
Aug. 1, B. H. Tracy, bulbs, plants, seeds, etc.	35 75
" 14, T. W. Batchelder, cutting grass	10 00
Nov. 8, " " fertilizer	8 00
" 16, F. A. Tarr, fertilizer, 1906	1 55
B. F. Young, cash paid for express .25, paint 75, sharpening lawn mower and expressing $1.25, drills .25, broom .35, gravel .20, rake, rifle, tools, etc. $2.50	5 55
B. F. Young, record book	1 00
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1907	3 32
	$191 51

No appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. F. YOUNG, Secretary.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Selectmen recommend that the following sums be appropriated for current expenses for the fiscal year, 1908:

Town Incidentals	$2,200 00
Highway Repairs	1,000 00
Extra Highway Work	1,000 00
Street Lighting	1,665 00
Poor Department	350 00
Soldiers' Relief	500 00
Interest	650 00
Fire Department	200 00
Tree Warden's Department	50 00
Exterminating Moth Pests	913 00
Payment of School House note	1,000 00
Public Library	200 00
Cemetery	150 00

LIST OF JURORS

Henry D. Stillman, farmer
J. Sumner Brown, farmer
George W. Jones, laborer
Frank E. Perkins, provision dealer
Patrick Kavanaugh, retired
Horace A. Kilham, farmer
William E. Ludden, shoemaker
Frank Cole, farmer
James B. Pickett, real estate agent
Benjamin F. Young, undertaker
Luther W. Batchelder, carriage builder
Henry A. Moulton, shoemaker
James F. Crockett, farmer
James E. Kavanaugh, conductor

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year 1907

There were sixteen births recorded for the year 1907 as follows:

1. Jan. 14 Clarence Gould Batchelder
2. Jan. 25 Carroll Hughes
3. Jan. 30 Grace Marie Porter
4. Feb. 5 Irene Brooks
5. Feb. 8 Oliver Davis Duncanson
6. Mar. 1 Florence Irene Knowlton
7. July 4 Rachael Hollinshead
8. July 29 Robert Allen Perkins
9. Aug. 5 George Edward Cahill
10. Sept. 13 Frank Ellis Campbell
11. Sept. 17 John Bickford Tuttle
12. Oct. 1 Marland Everett Glavin (twin)
13. Oct. 1 Mable Evelyn Glavin (twin)
14. Oct. 28 Lloyd Merrill Standley
15. Oct. 29 Albert Wildes
16. Dec. 5 Stillborn

There were seventeen marriages recorded for 1907 as follows:

1. Apr. 17 William Rogers Brooks and Alice Augusta Preston.
2. June 18 Fred Pulsifer and Bertha May Morse.
3. June 19 James Edward Kavanagh and Delmore Gorham.
4. July 10 Charles Fred Killam and Edith Belle Dudley.
5. Aug. 22 Everett Newton Standley and Hattie Belle Merrill.
6. Sept. 6 Charles L. Goolsby and Helen Kennely.
7. Sept. 18 John Arthur Kavanagh and Minnie B. Cahalan.
8. Oct. 2 Edward James Gibbons and Bridget Teresa White.
9. Oct. 10 Charles Ernest Doubtfire and Augusta Person.
10. Oct. 12 Jean Schenke and Ida Martha Weber.

11. Nov. 6 Charles Roland Dudley and Edith Woodbury Elliott.
12. Nov. 21 Arthur Dodge Prince and Alice Boutwell Dodge.
13. Nov. 30 George Ernest Lake and Margaret Elizabeth McCarthy.
14. Nov. 28 John Ordway and Nellie A. Ferguson.
15. Nov. 27 Roy Lyndon Norton and Amy Stanton Lovett.
16. Dec. 18 Harold Everett Taylor and Roselyn E. Rollins.
17. Dec. 23 Ernest Milton Varrell and Mary Foss.

Deaths recorded of residents of Wenham fourteen, as follows:

			Years	Months	Days
1.	Jan. 4	John C. Richards	67	9	6
2.	Jan. 16	Mary Thompson Garvin	88	10	15
3.	Feb. 28	Francis M. Dodge	80	10	14
4.	Mar. 4	Charles E. Landers	—	5	8
5.	Mar. 10	William Howes	50	—	—
6.	Mar. 31	Julia F. Safford	66	4	22
7.	Apr. 15	William B. Brown	53	—	—
8.	Apr. 23	Florence Irene Knowlton	—	1	23
9.	July 10	Jeremiah Kavanagh	73	2	6
10.	Aug. 19	Martha S. Dodge	47	10	24
11.	Sept. 23	S. Louise Batchelder	39	—	—
12.	Nov. 4	Albert Wildes	—	—	6
13.	Dec. 5	Stillborn	—	—	—
14.	Dec. 28	George Hartman	53	9	—

Non-Residents brought to Wenham for Interment, 1907:

			Years	Months	Days
1.	Feb. 6	Edward L. Standley	44	—	5
2.	Feb. 14	Nathan Jones	78	—	—
3.	May 10	Robert R. Kent	82	—	9
4.	May 30	Ella T. Pierce	52	1	—
5.	Aug. 12	James O. Newhall	76	4	—
6.	Nov. 16	Susan A. Dodge	66	6	—
7.	Dec. 13	Elizabeth M. Knowlton	79	10	—

DOGS

The total number of dogs licensed were ninety-nine (99), eighty-four (84) males and fifteen (15) females, and one breeder's license ($25.00) of which the sum of two hundred and forty-eight ($248.00) dollars was paid to the County Treasurer.

WILLIAM P. PORTER, Town Clerk.

Auditor's Report

The undersigned, having examined the accounts of the several officers, finds the sums correct with vouchers for the payments.

W. ARTHUR TROWT, Auditor.

February 15, 1908.

Report of the School House Building Committee

Your Committee cannot make a final report to the Town on account of its inability to make a satisfactory settlement with the contractors. The building was completed sufficient for occupancy early in April but the Committee felt that considerable of the work had not been done according to the terms of the contract and by unanimous vote refused to accept the building and approve final payment.

The contractors have taken the case to the courts and it is still unsettled.

HERBERT W. PORTER,
WILLIAM F. TROWT,
CHARLES F. ELLIOTT,
SARGENT M. KNOWLTON,
N. PORTER PERKINS,
GEORGE V. BOWDEN,
FRED P. STANTON, Clerk,
Committee.

NOTE—At the last moment before this report goes to press, the report of the Auditor before whom the above case was heard has been returned and is as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Essex ss. Superior Court.
No. 6895.

Henry B. Wallis et al. vs. Town of Wenham.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Pursuant to the rule in the above entitled cause, I heard the parties, investigated their accounts, examined their vouchers, heard their witnesses, and the arguments of Counsel, and I report as follows:

This is an action of contract brought by the plaintiffs, a firm of building contractors, to recover from the defendant, the Town of Wenham, the balance due upon a written contract for the building of a schoolhouse for said town, and for certain extra work performed upon the said schoolhouse.

The contract price was fourteen thousand seven hundred seventy-five ($14,775) dollars.

The plaintiffs admitted payments of eleven thousand two hundred ($11,200) dollars, leaving a balance claimed to be due upon the contract of three thousand five hundred seventy-five ($3575). The claim for extra work amounted to two hundred seventy-five dollars and thirty cents, ($275.30) making the total claim of the plaintiffs three thousand eight hundred fifty dollars and thirty cents, ($3850.30).

The defendant set up in its answer, among other things, a claim that the plaintiffs had not completed their contract on January first, 1907, as required, and that they were liable to a penalty of ten dollars per day for each day's delay thereafter, according to the provisions of the contract. They also filed specifications upon motions of the plaintiffs of the grounds of defence as follows:

1. To the faulty construction of the chimneys.
2. To the faulty condition of the plumbing, especially of the water-closets.
3. To the stock used for the floors, inferior to that called for by the specifications and to the manner of laying the same.
4. To faulty construction and workmanship in and about the window-casing causing leaks.
5. To the substitution of glass in windows inferior to the quality called for by the plans and specifications.

Upon these five specifications, and the delay above mentioned, the case was tried before me.

There were certain facts which were not in dispute. The building was completed with the exception of the putting on of eleven locks and some minor adjustments of the water-closets on March 7th, 1907. The eleven locks were not received by the contractor until March 29th, and were put on by him in one-half day on that date. I find that the building was completed substantially in accordance with the plans and specifications on the 29th day of March, 1907.

I took a view of the schoolhouse on the 23rd day of December, 1907, accompanied by Counsel. The building is a first class schoolhouse, with a few minor defects to be considered hereafter, and is a credit to the contractors, and to the building committee of the town of Wenham.

There was considerable delay in the completion of the job, some of which was chargeable to the town authorities, some to the contractors, and some to the state inspector.

The records of the town and of the building committee appointed by the town were offered by the plaintiffs and I admitted them subject to the objection of the defendant. At the annual town meeting in the year 1906, the following vote was passed:

"Voted: That the Schoolhouse Building Committee, to wit,—Messrs. Herbert W. Porter, George V. Bowden,

Nathaniel P. Perkins, William F. Trowt, Charles F. Elliott, F. P. Stanton, and Sargent M. Knowlton, be hereby authorized, empowered and directed to proceed with the construction and equipment, so far as is at present needed, of a modern, four-room schoolhouse on the site already purchased, to wit,—the parsonage lot, so-called or on some other suitable site at or near the centre of the Town, purchasable at a reasonable price, the question of site to be determined by a special committee, comprising the Schoolhouse Building Committee and eight representative citizens from various parts of the Town, to be chosen at this meeting; said new site to be purchased by said building committee, and the cost of said new site, if purchased, to be charged to the extent of $2500 (twenty-five hundred dollars) to the schoolhouse building fund, and the balance, which shall not exceed $1000 (one thousand dollars), to be provided by the tax levy for this year, which balance is hereby raised and appropriated to the credit of the schoolhouse building fund."

Pursuant to that vote, the committee, with Herbert W. Porter as chairman procured bids and after due deliberation awarded the contract to the plaintiffs upon condition that they should sublet the cellar work to Charles S. Gwinn.

On July 26th, the plaintiffs notified Herbert W. Porter, chairman of the schoolhouse committee, in writing, that they accepted the contract with the condition that the foundation work should be done by Charles S. Gwinn of Hamilton. On August 9th, 1906, the contract was signed by H. B. Wallis & Son and by the town of Wenham, by its schoolhouse building committee. A short time thereafter the cellar work was started by Mr. Gwinn and while the cellar work was going on, the plaintiffs brought the material for framing upon the lot and fitted it. The cellar work progressed in a leisurely manner, partly through the fact that nobody felt in a hurry, and partly on account of labor troubles, but I find that the delay in the building of the cellar did not contribute to the final delay in the completion of the work.

The work of construction was carried on in the usual and

ordinary manner, up to the latter part of November. It was ready for lathing on or before Dec. 1st, 1906. The latter part of November, the committee decided to have the building wired for electric lights. I find that it is customary in the building trade, and is necessary and proper for the wiring to be completed before the lathing is begun. The contract provides that the contractor shall permit other contractors or employees of the owner to prosecute their work, and shall render them all necessary assistance. It also provides that the entire work and all its parts, including material, workmanship and rate of progress, shall be satisfactory to the Architect.

The Architect testified that he instructed Wallis not to lath until the wiring was done. The wiring was not completed until sometime between the 15th and 20th of December, delaying the progress of the work so far as I am able to determine, for a period of at least four weeks. For this delay of four weeks, I find that the town committee was responsible, and that the contractor should be excused.

The lathing was started about December 20th, and should have been completed in four days, but was carried on in a desultory manner and was substantially completed somewhere the first of the new year, there being some small portion of the lathing in the basement left unfinished on January 5th.

The specifications provide that the heat for drying the plastering shall be furnished by the town. There was a good deal of testimony regarding delay caused by the failure to furnish proper heat, but the building was plastered in three days and skim coated in three days more, and there appears to have been no unreasonable delay in the drying of either coat. Had the lathing been done when the building was ready, the question of heat might have become of importance, but I am unable to find that the lack of heat caused any delay independent of the delay caused in waiting for the wiring to be done. The plastering was dry enough so that the men started finishing on January 14th. The standing finish seems to have been put on without any delay which drew the notice or complaint of any of the parties interested.

The plumber furnished the style of water-closets required by the specifications, but the state inspector, whose approval is required by the laws of the Commonwealth, refused to approve the water-closets specified, and compelled the substitution of a water-closet with a larger air-vent. The plumber was considerably delayed by the dealer in plumbing supplies in procuring the new water-closets, and I have no doubt that this delayed the general progress of the work somewhat, but I am unable to determine upon the evidence how much delay was caused to the general contractor by the order of the state inspector.

There was a great deal of controversy as to the procuring of the hardware. The specifications provide that the hardware shall be selected by the committee. Samples of hardware were submitted to the committee by the contractor, and they selected a certain type of lock whose cost exceeded by a few dollars, the price authorized by the specifications. Both the architect and contractor understood that the committee desired to have all the locks of the larger type selected, keyed alike, and I find that the contractor was justified in so interpreting the selection by the committee. It is not customary for hardware dealers to carry a considerable number of locks of the same type, keyed alike, and the dealers with whom the contractor placed his order, ordered these locks which were keyed alike, directly from the factory in Connecticut. There was a long delay in getting these locks keyed alike from the factory. I find that the contractor is not responsible for that delay, which amounted to the period from March 7th to March 29th, 1907. That the building was then substantially completed, so far as anything for which the contractor was responsible or concerned, on March 7th, 1907.

Delay.

Upon the confusing and conflicting evidence regarding the progress of the work, and the responsibility of the different parties for delay, it is a most difficult task to determine what the contractor would have accomplished if unimpeded by

delays which were in no way chargeable to him. Upon the testimony of the mason, sub-contractor, the lathing and plastering should have taken about two weeks. The men were actually at work finishing from January 14th to March 7th, and there was no cessation in the work during that period. The lathing, plastering and finishing therefore occupied about ten weeks; assuming that the building was ready to lath the latter part of November, and that it would have taken the contractor ten weeks to finish, I fix as the approximate date when the contractor would have completed his contract, February 1st, 1907. I therefore find the contractor responsible for thirty-one days' delay beyond the time fixed by the contract for the completion of the work. The plaintiff contended that if the defendant by its actions caused any postponement of the completion of the work beyond the time set in the contract that the plaintiff was thereby relieved altogether from the penalty of ten dollars per day. The defendant contended that the plaintiff was liable to the penalty of ten dollars per day for every day's delay for which he was responsible and was only relieved of the penalty as to that delay for which he was in no way to blame.

Both parties cited authorities in support of their contention on the question of liquidated damages, for the delay, and the question seems not to have been passed upon in this Commonwealth. The weight of authority both in England and in this country, seems to be in favor of the contention of the plaintiffs, and I therefore find and rule as a matter of law, that the contractor having been prevented from finishing the job on January 1st, 1907, the date set in the contract by the action of the defendant, the clause in the contract providing for liquidated damages of ten dollars per day for each day's delay thereafter is abrogated, and the defendant is not entitled to any deduction from the contract price on account of the delay. If this ruling is wrong, and the defendant's contention is correct, that the effect of the delay caused by the defendant is merely to postpone for that period, the time when the liquidated damages of ten dollars per day begin to be collect-

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ible, then the balance hereafter stated as the amount due the contractor should be reduced by three hundred ten dollars, being thirty-one days' delay at ten dollars per day.

Specifications.

1. As to the faulty construction of the chimneys.

   I find that the chimney as completed in November, 1906, was very defective, whether from improper mixture of mortar, or weather conditions, it is unnecessary to decide. By order of the Architect, the chimney was taken down as far as the roof, and rebuilt in very cold weather in December. At the time I saw the chimney it was in very bad condition, and I find that the contractor should be required o make it right.

   It could be repointed and would be good for some years, but I find that it should be rebuilt from the roof up and that a reasonable price for the work would be fifty dollars. There should therefore be deducted from the amount due the contractor the sum of fifty dollars for replacing the chimney.

2. The water-closets.

   Several of the water-closets as left by the contractor leaked. I find that this is quite usual in new plumbing, and that it is not serious, but is due to the obstruction of the valves by gravel or sediment. It could be remedied at an expense of five dollars, and the defendant should be allowed that amount.

3. As to the floors.

   The defendant called as an expert upon the floors, a deputy surveyor of lumber from Boston. I find that he was the only witness who could testify with accurate knowledge as to the stock used in the floors. I find that he testified that 90 per cent. of the floor stock was best White Maple and that 10 per cent. was second grade, known in the trade as No. 1, which is

sound, knotted and has slight imperfections in manufacture. I also find that the workmanship corresponded to the stock in the floor. That is to say about 10 per cent. of the workmanship was not first class. The specifications required that the floors be finished with a preparation known as No-dust-o or No-dustine. It is intended to prevent the raising of dust when sweeping and does not present an attractive appearance to the eye. Inasmuch as the chief damage from the small percentage of second grade stock and workmanship in the floors is in their appearance, and the appearance is almost wholly controlled by the finish put on the floors, I am unable to find that the defendant has suffered any damage in the matter of floors, which can be computed in dollars.

4. As to leaks about the window-casings.

I did not understand the defendant's counsel to press any claim as to leaks around the window-casings at the final argument, at any rate, I find against the defendant upon that contention.

5. As to inferior glass.

The defendant's counsel waived his contention upon that point at the argument.

Extra Work.

The work was carried on by the contractor under the supervision of the Architect, and of Herbert W. Porter, the chairman of the Building Committee, who was himself a contractor and builder. Mr. Porter was almost constantly upon the work, and gave conscientious, painstaking and intelligent supervision to every branch of the work in the interest of the town. The other members of the committee gave the work casual attention, or none at all. Mr. Porter acted for and represented the committee upon the work and he testified as to certain of the extra work claimed by the plaintiff,

that he understood his action in ordering such work in writing to be the action of the committee.

I find that all the extra work claimed by the plaintiffs was performed by the order and with the knowledge of Mr. Porter and that his action was the action of the committee, and that there was a waiver of a strict compliance with the clause in the contract that all orders to bind the town, should be signed by a majority of the committee.

The final payment was to be made by the provisions of the contract, thirty-five days after the work had been completed and accepted by the Architect and the Building Committee. The Architect signified his acceptance of the work and approval of the plaintiff's claim on April 11th, 1907. The committee never signified its acceptance of the work, but voted to contest unless the contractor rectified the defects set out in the defendant's specifications. I find that the balance hereinafter stated as due the contractor should bear interest from the date of the writ only, namely May 27th, 1907.

The defendant in the course of the hearing desired its objection noted and embodied in the report to the admission of certain evidence. I am of opinion that these objections have been rendered immaterial by my findings, except the objection to all town records, which I have hitherto noted.

I state the account between the parties as follows:

TOWN OF WENHAM

TO H. B. WALLIS & SON, DR.

By contract for schoolhouse,	$14,775 00
Enlarging closets on second floor,	28 25
Moving brick wall in basement,	10 00
Excavating and building down brick wall in boiler room,	21 25
19 days' labor on rough grading, blow out and lowering pump,	47 50
Hot Air engine,	155 00
Smoke pipe for Hot Air engine,	3 67
Extra on hardware above the price stipulated in the specifications,	9 63
Total	$15,050 30

Credits.

By cash,	$11,200 00	
Deduction for rebuilding chimney, $50.		
Deduction for remedying leaks in water closets, $5.	55 00	
		$11,255 00
Balance due,		$3,795 30

If the defendant is entitled to set off ten dollars per day for the thirty-one days' delay for which the contractor was responsible, there should be deducted from the above balance, the sum of three hundred ten dollars.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Your Committee has considered the Articles which are presented in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting and make the following recommendations:

Under Article 3.

School Department	$5,385 00	
Town Incidentals	2,200 00	
Highway Repairs	1,000 00	
Extra Highway Work	1,000 00	
Street Lighting	1,665 00	
Poor Department	350 00	
Soldiers' Relief	500 00	
Interest	650 00	
Fire Department	200 00	
Suppression of Moth Pest	913 00	
Tree Warden's Department	50 00	
School House Note	1,000 00	
Cemetery Commissioners	150 00	
Public Library	300 00	
		$15,363 00

Under Article 6.

That the sum of $75.00 be appropriated from the sum raised for Incidentals, for the expense of Memorial Day; the same to be used under the direction of the Soldiers and Sailors of Wenham.

Under Article 7.

That a sufficient sum be appropriated from the sum raised for Incidentals, to pay State and Military Aid.

Under Article 9.

That the action of the New School House Building Committee, in employing counsel to defend the suit of Henry B. Wallis & Son, be ratified.

Under Article 11.

That the sum of $800.00 be appropriated from the Town Surplus to make further repairs on the Town Hall Building.

Under Article 12.

That the unpaid taxes for 1904-1905-1906 be collected by the collector by April 1st, 1908, and the unpaid taxes of 1907 by August 1st, 1908, and in default to at once proceed to collect the same by advertisement and sale of the property under the statutes or by legal process.

Under Article 15.

That a sum not exceeding $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated for abating the dust nuisance on Main St., from the Beverly to the Hamilton line; that calcium chloride be the material used for the purpose.

Under Article 17.

That no action be taken.

Under Article 19.

Its adoption.

Under Article 20.

Its adoption.

ARTHUR D. PRINCE,
Clerk of Committee.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the said Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, the second day of March next, at six of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles: (Election of officers by "Official Ballot" from 6 A. M. to 10 A. M.)

Article 1st. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing and to see if the Town will vóte to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

2d. To act on the reports of the Selectmen and other Town Officers.

3d. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year; make appropriation of the same and determine the manner of collecting.

4th. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year; said loan or loans to be paid from said taxes.

5th. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, or act anything thereon.

6th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expenses of "Memorial Day", the same to be used under the direction of the sailors and soldiers of Wenham.

7th. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay the State and Military Aid for the ensuing year.

8th. To see what action the Town will take in regard to truant scholars.

9th. To hear and act upon the report of the School House Building Committee, and determine whether the Town will ratify the action of said committee in employing counsel to defend the suit of H. B. Wallis & Son against the Town, now pending in the Superior Court, or act anything thereon.

10th. To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of Trustees of the Public Library by three or a multiple of three and make arrangements for their election or act anything thereon as per petition of James B. Pickett and others.

11th. To see if the Town will vote to make an appropriation for further repairs upon the Town Hall or act anything thereon.

12th. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the unpaid taxes assessed in 1907 and previous years.

13th. To see if the Town will vote to dispose of the old primary school building or act anything thereon.

14th. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 85 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, which provides for the appointment of a Superintendent of Streets, or act anything thereon.

15th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to abate the dust nuisance and preserve the roads or act anything thereon.

16th. To see if the Town will vote to change the date on the Town Seal from May 10, 1643, (the day of the commencement of the "General Court of Elections") to Sept. 7, 1643, which was the date on which the act of incorporation was passed, as appears of record in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as per petition of Wellington Pool.

17th. To see if the Town will vote to place three additional lights on Porter Street and three on Perkins Street and raise and appropriate money for the same, as per petition of H. W. Woodason and others.

18th. To see what action the Town will take to put into effect past votes relative to improvement of sign boards at the

junction of streets, or act anything thereon, as per petition of Oscar Hosmer and others.

19th. To see if the Town will vote to incorporate in its published Annual Town Report an abstract report of the Town Meetings of the year covered by the Annual Report, or act anything thereon, as per petition of Oscar Hosmer and others.

20th. To see if the Town will cause to be prepared and published yearly in the Annual Town Report, a schedule of the property of the Town, real estate, tools, implements, vehicles, etc., as per petition of Oscar Hosmer and others.

21st. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof: one at the Town House, one at the Post Office, one at each of the two meeting houses, one at the chapel at Mapleville, and one at the eastern part of the town near the residence of Henry D. Stillman, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight.

HERBERT W. PORTER,
N. PORTER PERKINS,
CHARLES H. McQUEENY,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WENHAM

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1907

BEVERLY, MASS.
THE CITIZEN PRINTING COMPANY
1908

Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of the Town of Wenham:

The Committee respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1907. The following is an account of the receipts and expenditures for the year just closed:

RECEIPTS

Balance from last year	$ 328 27	
Massachusetts School Fund	770 63	
Dog Tax	226 99	
Town of Hamilton	4 00	
City of Boston for tuition	26 50	
State allowance for Superintendent	250 00	
Town appropriation	4,775 00	
		$6381 39

EXPENDITURES

Superintendent, Andrew S. Thomson

Salary for April and November	$ 310 00

TEACHING

Grammar School

Paid Helen L. Varney, 23 weeks to June 14,	$ 322 00
Mary F. Reid, 15 " " Dec. 20,	195 00

Intermediate School

Paid A. Gertrude Whitney, 38 weeks to Dec. 20,	$ 395 00

Primary School

Paid Eleanor Bragdon, 22 weeks to June 14,	$245 00
Mae Withey, substitute,	8 00
Anna S. Lanphear, 15 weeks to Dec. 20,	165 00
	$418 00

Neck School

Paid	Florence Norton, 37 weeks to Dec. 20,	$410 00
	Florence Hawkins, substitute,	8 00
		$418 00

East School

Paid	S. Helen Kennison, 23 weeks to June 21,	$184 00
	Eva L. McKenzie, 15 weeks to Dec. 20,	120 00
		$304 00

West School

Paid	Gertrude St.Clair, 23 weeks to June 14,	$184 00
	Nellie Harrison, 7 weeks to Oct. 25,	56 00
	Alice J. Gerry, 8 weeks to Dec. 20,	64 00
		$304 00

MUSIC

Paid	George F. Smith	$95 00

DRAWING

Paid	Goldie London	$24 00

FUEL

Paid	Charles S. Gwinn, coal	$ 25 42
	John Girdler, coal	120 73
	Joseph Kent, wood	6 00
	S. M. Knowlton, wood	10 50
	Henry D. Stillman, wood	18 00
		$180 65

JANITORS

Paid	Mrs. Soper	$16 50
	Frank Corning	11 00
	Wellington Pool	16 55
	Clara Williams	9 99
	George V. Bowden	28 50
	Addison Williams	4 00
	Elbridge Porter	3 75
	Arthur C. Stanton	262 53
		$352 82

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Paid	Silver, Burdette & Co., books	$33 25
	American Book Co., books	4 80
	Edward E. Babb & Co., books and supplies	155 53
	D. C. Heath & Co., books	23 84
	Ginn & Co., books	85 70
	Benjamin H. Sanborn & Co., books	4 00
	Citizen Printing Co., order book	7 75
	Burnham Job Print, report cards	3 50
		$318 37

INCIDENTALS

Paid	George V. Bowden, paid for freight	$ 6 54
	" " cash paid and labor	16 73
	A. C. Stanton, sundries	2 70
	William Tucker, sawing wood	2 50
	Boston & Maine R. R., freight charges	1 70
	Elbridge Porter, taking school census	15 00
	" " teaming	9 40
	Charles Wilkins, water for Neck School	5 00
	J. W. Goodhue, bell and sundries	3 42
	H. E. Durgin, stock and labor on gong	1 50
	Ivory Quinby, hanging gong	1 75
	A. D. & W. F. Trowt, supplies for schools	15 63
	Thomas Barnes, removing settees	3 20
	Marland H. Eaton, school physician	15 00
	Charles F. Elliott, removing and putting down seats	49 74
	American Seating Co., desks and chairs	199 56
	William Leavens & Co., furniture	45 70
	Sulpho Napthol Co., sulpho napthol	12 00
	Nelson Brothers, clocks	18 00
	Rogers & Chase, shades and mats	88 90
	" " stove for East School	11 60
	Joseph Breck & Sons, furnishings	24 88
	E. Shoepflin & Co., mirror	6 00
		$556 45

INSURANCE

Paid	H. W. Porter, chairman of School House Building Committee	$288 00.

REPAIRS

Paid	A. W. Hastings, plate glass	$3 25
	Addison Williams, sash and glass	1 50
	George H. Woodbury, mason work	1 25
	Charles F. Elliott, repairs West School	1 85
	F. H. Brooks, setting glass	4 50
		$12 35

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Paid	City of Beverly, tuition for one year for		
	Roscoe Batchelder	Richard Gould	
	Ella Knowlton	Melvina Stanton	
	Wesley Dodge	Fred Eaton	
	Ida Hawkins	Hattie Parker	
	Lena Parker	Bessie Pembroke	
	Raymond Tarr	Alden Batchelder	
	Sarah Brock	Chester Brown	
	Frances Pembroke	Grace E. Perkins	
	Louise Shepard	John L. Woodason	
	Mildred Perkins	Ruth Perkins	
	Marion Stanley	Helen Tarr	
	George R. Wildes	Lewis Brock @ $50	$1,200 00
	Clement Eaton, one-half year		25 00
Paid	City of Salem, tuition for one year for		
	Louise Patch, Myron Perkins, Helen Patch		150 00
	One-half year for		
	Roland Patch	Ruth Cole	
	Georgiana Williams	Lena Williams	
	Mary Anderson		125 00
Paid	Town of Hamilton, one year for		
	Carrie Stanton		25 00
			$1,525 00

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Paid	Austin C. Patch	$31 50
	Helen E. Patch	21 45
	Frank Cole	14 30
	E. D. Anderson	14 30
	George A. Perkins	7 15
	Boston & Northern St. Ry., 270 scholars' ticket books	270 00
		$358 70

SUMMARY

Receipts

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Dog tax	226 99	
Town of Hamilton	4 00	
City of Boston	26 50	
State allowance for Superintendent	250 00	
Town appropriation	4,775 00	
		$6,381 39

Expended

For teaching	$2,475 00	
Superintendent	310 00	
Fuel	180 65	
Janitors	352 82	
Books and supplies	318 37	
Incidentals	556 45	
Repairs	12 35	
High School Tuition	1,525 00	
Transportation	358 70	
Insurance	288 00	
		$6,377 34
To balance		4 05
		$6,381 39

PUPILS IN HIGH SCHOOL AT PRESENT TIME

In Beverly High

Roscoe Batchelder	Richard E. Gould
Mary E. Knowlton	Melvina A. Stanton
Raymond K. Tarr	Mary E. Pembroke
Hattie M. Parker	Lena W. Parker
Ida A. Hawkins	Fred W. Eaton
Albert W. Dodge	John L. Woodason
Louise Shepard	Grace E. Perkins
Agnes F. Pembroke	Chester Brown
Sarah S. Brock	Alden Batchelder
Marion W. Stanley	Evelyn Foster
Helen Tarr	Ruth Perkins
Mildred Perkins	Pearl Wilson
Eva S. Stanley	Maud C. Morse
Irving C. Eaton	Ellen E. Duncanson

Ethel V. Cook

In Salem High Schoool

Mary Anderson
Helen Patch
Ruth Cole
Louise Patch
Myron Perkins
Gertrude Williams
Anna Williams

In Hamilton High School

Carrie Stanton

Your Committee report that they find the schools of the Town doing as well as usual, the Center School being much improved since moving into the new building. The Committee would request that the parents, on notification by the teachers of any defects in sight or hearing, give it immediate attention.

The reports of the Superintendent, Music and Drawing Teachers are appended, to which your attention is called, as they show what is being done in our schools.

The Committee ask for the following amounts for the present year:

For teaching	$1,948 00
Supplies and incidentals	320 00
Fuel	266 00
Janitors	464 00
School physician	15 00
Repairs	50 00
High School Tuition	1,912 00
Transportation	410 00

GEORGE V. BOWDEN,
ELBRIDGE PORTER,
ADDISON WILLIAMS,
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Wenham:

Gentlemen:

You are respectfully invited to give your consideration to the following report which is the sixth annual statement which it has been my privilege to submit to your notice and the attention of the townspeople.

Within a twelvemonth the children of Wenham have left their limited school quarters, which have sheltered former generations, some of whom are now citizens and parents who attach many pleasant associations to the long standing walls. The pupils are now housed in a modern, roomy, well-heated and finely ventilated building. Every pupil in the school has been benefited both physically and morally by the change. The spirit of the school, as a whole, is certainly improved in the new building. The children enjoy attending school more and are happier in their work. Such an attitude has its resultant in better work and healthier moral tone.

Some trouble was experienced at first by a great number of requests to visit the basement, but this is gradually improving as the novelty wears off. The requests in themselves show how much better children attend to their physical wants when toilet appurtenances are in a comfortable condition. In schools where the sanitaries are separate from the school building, very few requests come to leave the room, whereas in a modernly appointed building such requests are numerous, indicating that many times children should go to the sanitaries when they do not if there is inconvenience and discomfort attached to them.

In connection with the Memorial Day exercises last spring a candy sale was held and something over twenty dollars was

netted, which money was put aside as a nucleus for a piano fund. During the past fall through the efforts of Mr. Arthur Stanton, sufficient money was collected to purchase a new piano, which speaks well for the generosity and public spirit of the townspeople. The instrument will prove a source of pleasure and inspiration for years to come.

At the time of the Memorial Day exercises the Village Improvement Association awarded prizes for essays upon our native town trees. In addition to the essays were collections of the bark, wood and leaves of some of the trees described. The work showed a care in preparation which delighted all who heard the papers and saw the collections. The first prize was awarded to Miss Louise Patch, the second to Master Raymond Trott, and a supplementary second prize was given to Miss Ellen Duncanson.

One very beautiful and suggestive picture was given to the school last year by Oscar Hosmer and Thomas Cunningham, the subject being the first salute to the American flag in foreign waters. On the same afternoon a useful and patriotic donation of an American flag for the school building was made by Mr Hosmer.

We also wish to acknowledge the gift of a gong for the outside of the school building by Mr. Woodason.

Another exhibition of school work and a candy sale for raising funds will be held in the Center School building on Friday, February 21st. It is hoped and urged that all parents and friends will visit the school on that occasion to see the work of the pupils and to patronize the sale tables. The children take a greater interest when they feel an appreciation of their efforts by the community at large. The proceeds of the sale will be devoted to purchasing pictures and works of art for the school room walls.

The decoration and beautifying the school room walls makes the school rooms more ideally pleasant and cheerful. Artistic productions and reproductions elevate the minds and refine the tastes more effectively than much instruction upon the subjects.

READING.

Reading is perhaps the most important subject in our school programme. It is from the printed page that most all recorded knowledge is obtained. The child who reads with little effort will enjoy reading, and is destined to become an intelligent, well-informed citizen, who has the means at hand for interesting himself in whatever sphere of life he may be placed.

We are mastering the mechanics of reading in an excellent manner in our primary grades. It is surprising to note how quickly children learn to read under the system now in vogue in our schools. We are not securing equally good results in the grammar grades. As children grow older and take up more studies and engage increasingly in outside interests, it is indispensable to good reading that they shall be encouraged and supervised in oral reading outside of school hours. Best of all training is the reading aloud to younger members of the family or to older persons whose eyes are tired or hands busy. Unquestionably some inducement in the form of prizes might create a fresh inpetus among the older pupils. A prize reading contest held on the last day of the school year, open to all pupils of the town in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades is feasible. This contest should consist of two parts—a prepared selection, and rendering a sight passage. This shows a twofold power in the child, that of interpretation with drill and study; and secondly, that of grasping the thought readily and interpreting it from the printed page.

It should never be lost sight of that these spasmodic efforts are incidental to the purpose in hand, which is to encourage the daily habit of reading.

THE LIBRARY.

The public library of a town is a chief factor in amplifying the instruction of the schools. With the present increased facilities of our library, there is a greater opportunity to follow lines of study by a method already attempted, wherein the

teachers draw from the library several books at a time allied to the subjects in hand. In this way the children use and become familiar with interesting books and form the habit of enjoying good literature. A brief list of books appropriate to the various grades as follows:

GRADES I TO IV

Beckwith	In Mythland	D. C. Heath & Co.
Swinton	Easy Steps for Little Feet	American Book Co.
Pratt	Legends of the Red Children	Werner Co.
Scudder	Fables and Folk Love	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.
Wright	Seaside and Wayside, No 1	D. C. Heath & Co.
Andrews	Each and All	Ginn & Co.
Andrews	Seven Little Sisters	Ginn & Co.
Anderson	Fairy Tales. Many editions	
Scudder	Fables and Folk Stories	Houghton, Miffiin & Co.
Eggleston	Stories of Great Americans	American Book Co.
McMurry	Classic Stories for Little Ones	Public School Pub. Co.
Judd	Classic Myths	School Education Co.
Burt	Nature Studies, from Burroughs	Ginn & Co.
Baldwin	Fifty Famous Stories Retold	American Book Co.
Kirby	Aunt Martha's Corner Cupboard	Nelson & Co.
Muloch	Adventures of a Brownie	Crowell & Co.
Wiggin	Bird's Christmas Carol	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.
Wiggin	Story of Patsy	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.
	Fairy Tales. Many editions	
Ruskin	King of the Golden River. Several editions	
	Stories of Great Americans	American Book Co.
Sewell	Black Beauty	Weeks & Co.
Kingsley	Water Babies	Ginn & Co.
Defoe	Robinson Crusoe. Many editions	
Aesop	Fables. Many editions	
Hawthorne	Wonder Book	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.
Wyss	Swiss Family Robinson. Many editions	
Saunders	Beautiful Joe	American Baptist

GRADE V

Black	The Four MacNicols	Harper Bros.
Baylor	Juan and Juanita	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.
Boyesen	Against Heavy Odds	Scribner
Clemens	Prince and Pauper	American Pub. Co.

Ewing	Jackanapes	Roberts Bros.
Taylor	Boys and Other Countries	Putnam
Stockton	Stories of New Jersey	American Book Co.
Vincent	The Plant World	Appleton
Weed	The Insect World	Appleton
Towle	Raleigh	Lee & Shepard

GRADE VI

Stowe	Uncle Tom's Cabin. Many editions	
Richards	Captain January	Estes & Lauriat
Burnett	Little Lord Fauntleroy	Scribner
Dodge	Hans Brinker	Scribner
Ouida	The Dog of Flanders	Lippincott
Alcott	An Old-Fashioned Girl	Roberts
Bunyan	Pilgrim's Progress. Many editions	
Dickens	Christmas Stories	Burt
Butterworth	Zig Zag Journeys	Estes & Lauriat
Verne	Around the World in Eighty Days	Coates
DuChaillu	Under the Equator	Harper Bros.
Scudder	Bodley Books	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.
Bolton	Famous Leaders Among Men	Crowell
Scudder	George Washington	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.
Towle	Magellan	Lee & Shepard
Towle	Sir Francis Drake	Lee & Shepard
Towle	Vasco de Gama	Lee & Shepard
Brooks	Historic Boys	Putnam
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Eggleston	Strange Stories from History	Harper Bros.
Drake	Indian History for Young Folks	Harper Bros.
McMurry	Pioneer History Stories of the Mississippi Valley	Public School Pub. Co.
Watson	Boston Tea Party	Lee & Shepard
Wright	Children's Stories of American History	Scribner
Wright	Children's Stories of American Progress	Scribner
Guerber	The Story of the Greeks	American Book Co.
Guerber	The Story of the Romans	American Book Co.
Baskett	The Story of the Birds	Appleton
Geikie	Geology Primer	Appleton
Ker	From the Hudson to the Neva	Lothrop
Carpenter	Geography Reader on Asia	American Book Co.
Fiske	War of Independence	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

GRADE VII

Wallace	Ben-Hur	Harper Bros.
Blackmore	Lorna Doore	Harper Bros.
Holland	Arthur Bonnicastle	Scribner
Cooper	The Pilot. Many editions	
Jackson	Ramona	Roberts
Stevenson	Black Arrow	Roberts
Scott	Kenilworth. Many editions	
Scott	The Talisman. Many editions	
Irving	The Alhambra. Many editions	
Dickens	David Copperfield. Many editions	
Kingsley	Westward Ho!	Crowell
Larcom	A New England Girlhood	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.
Cooke	Stories of the Old Dominion	Harper Bros.
Saintine	Picciola	Burt
Hale	A New England Boyhood	Cassell
Frederic	In the Valley	Scribner

GRADE VIII

Austin	Standish of Standish	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.
Cooper	The Spy. Many editions	
Page	Two Little Confederates	Scribner
Wiggin	Polly Oliver's Problem	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.
Martineau	Peasant and Prince	Ginn & Co.
Seawell	Decatur and Somers	Appleton
Yonge	Book of Golden Deeds	Macmillan
Stevenson	Treasure Island. Many editions	
Scott	Quentin Durward. Many editions	
Longfellow	Evangeline, Courtship of Miles Standish, and favorite shorter poems	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.
Whittier	Snow Bound, Tent on the Beach and favorite shorter poems	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.
Abbott	Darius the Great, Hannibal, Cæsar, Romulus, William the Conqueror Empress Josephine, Queen Elizabeth, Madame Roland	Harper Bros.
Towle	Heroes and Martyrs of Invention	Lee & Shepard
Kingsley	Greek Heroes	Ginn & Co.
Butterworth	Boyhood of Lincoln	Appleton
Macauley	Warren Hastings. Many editions	
Abbott	La Salle, Boone, Franklin, De Soto, Cortes, Paul Jones, Peter Stuyvesant	Harper Bros.

Carroll	Twelve Americans	Harper Bros.
Hale	Stories of Invention	Roberts
Parton	Captains of Industry. 2 vols.	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.
Montgomery	Heroic Ballads	Ginn & Co.
Alton	Among the Law Makers	Scribner
Proctor	The Expanse of Heaven	Longmans, Green & Co.

SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Owing to the delay in getting into the new building last spring and the inability to grade the grounds, there was no effort in the line of school gardens. We trust the grounds will be ready and a good beginning made in this useful and pleasant work.

Arbor Day exercises assist materially in arousing an interest in tree planting, of which the grounds stand much in need.

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

Under the law which makes it obligatory upon towns to appoint a school physician, some good results have been experienced. In all doubtful cases the physician may be called in to advise with the teacher who suspects any contagious disease. Some larger places go farther than we have done by requiring the physician to go into the schools regularly to make a minute examination of the children for physical defects. The health of the children in town has been generally good. Last spring there were a few cases of scarlet fever and some of the schools were closed to prevent an epidemic.

The ear and eye tests have been made by the teachers with the following result:

Whole number examined	129
Number with defect in hearing	30
" " " sight	10
" of parents notified	24

THE WEST SCHOOL.

The West School has been hampered by frequent changes of teachers, who have secured better positions elsewhere. Last

June two pupils finished the eighth grade work and entered the Beverly High School.

EAST SCHOOL.

The East School has had an unusually successful year. This is shown by the high per cent. of attendance. A yearly average of 99 per cent. is very remarkable. Seven out of the ten monthly reports show perfect attendance. The name of every pupil in school appears on the roll of honor. Two pupils finished the eighth grade work and entered the Salem High School.

NECK SCHOOL.

The Neck School has always exhibited a good school spirit and the progress of the pupils has been excellent. There is a prodigious amount of work in a school of thirty pupils with eight grades. The school would be greatly relieved could the eighth grade be taken out. Three pupils finished the eighth grade work and one entered Salem High School.

HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS.

At present Beverly accepts our pupils into its High School on certificate, without examination. This places the responsibility of the preparation of our pupils upon the local school authorities. Great care must be exercised in certifying pupils. Cases constantly arise in which pupils are not good students, but are faithful and earnest. They have reached the age of perhaps fifteen or sixteen before they finish the eighth grade, and unless they are permitted to go to High School directly, they become discouraged and lose the chance of a higher education. They will get far more good out of a year in advanced classes than they will if they repeat the eighth grade work. It has become the practice with the best educators to put pupils into the grade where they will get the most good. The schools are for the benefit of all pupils, for those who are poorly endowed intellectually as well as for the most brilliant ones.

Those who are "born short" in certain fundamental branches may yet take a course in the High School which will fit them for business or some useful craft.

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Education is of necessity expensive, although public education is far less so than any private system. If any persons consider that too much is spent in this town for the support of schools, it will be interesting to note Wenham's place in the scale of expenditure as compared with other towns of the state. It appears from a graduated table in which all the towns of the state are arranged numerically according to the amount apportioned for the support of public schools for each one thousand dollars valuation for the year 1905-1906 that Wenham ranks three hundred and forty-second (342nd) among the three hundred and fifty-four (354) towns. In that year Wenham paid two dollars and twelve cents ($2.12) per thousand valuation from her tax levy, whereas the average of the state is $3.92.

CHANGE OF TEACHERS.

We have had a large number of changes in our teaching force during the past year. Miss Helen Varney, whose strong personality made so many admirers in school and community, resigned last June to take the position of drawing supervisor in Hopedale. Miss Eleanor Bragdon of the Center Primary resigned to take a position in Revere. Miss Gertrude St. Clair of the West School accepted a position in Beverly. Miss Helen Kennison of the East School also accepted a position in Beverly. Miss Mary L. Reid of Weymouth was obtained for the Grammar School, Miss Anna Lanphear was engaged for the Center Primary, Miss Eva McKenzie of Essex was secured for the East School, Miss Nellie Harrison of Beverly was hired for the West School, but soon resigned to accept a school in her home city, when Miss Alice J. Gerry of Watertown was engaged to take her place.

I wish to cordially thank all those with whom I have been

associated in the administration and instruction of the schools for their co-operation and support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW S. THOMSON,
Supt. of Schools.

REPORT OF MUSIC TEACHER

Mr. A. S. Thomson,
Supt. of Schools, Wenham, Mass.

Dear Sir: I am very glad that your School Board has supplied all the schools in Wenham with the New Educational Music Course of books. We now have a course of music for the scholars that is all that can be desired. It is well systematized and very attractive to the scholars and will, I am sure, cultivate a desire in the children for the very best in music, and will in time make them all good sight readers.

The voices have all been tested and placed in the part that is best for them to sing. I strive to cultivate a good head tone that will allow them to sing with ease and develop a good musical tone both in singing and speaking.

The work is progressing very satisfactorily, increased interest has been aroused in the teachers and scholars, and as a result we are advancing along these lines and look for better results for the future.

In closing, I wish to thank the teachers for their interest and help.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. SMITH,
Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF DRAWING TEACHER

Mr. A. S. Thomson, Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir: From the few visits which I have thus far made to your schools, I may say with pleasure, that I have found

the children to take hold of the work with much enthusiasm and responsiveness. Of course their previous instruction in the subject has given them a good foundation, which it is now my privilege to assist them in strengthening.

Naturally, we do not expect to make artists of all our children, but we should like to give them the power to represent with a fair amount of truth, what they see, and to be able to use drawing freely in other subjects, as a means of expressing themselves.

As the child leaves the nursery, his faculties must be developed, he must be taught to form habits, his memory must be strengthened and his imagination must be kept alive by such things as interest him. Drawing in its many phases helps to develop these.

Rules and principles are not of such supreme importance as are sharp eyes and the ready pencil or brush with which to record our observation. Our aim, therefore, in the limited time given us will be to strive for beauty in form and proportion, not only in the representation of objects, but in the planning and carrying out of every bit of work we do.

However, in view of the fact that each room contains two or three grades, and the district schools, all the grades, it has made it necessary for me to simplify the work, in order that the lower grades in the room may understand the problem at hand. I usually divide each district school into two divisions, thus conducting two lessons in one period.

In the interval between my visits, I leave one, two or three lesons planned for each teacher to give, according to the grades she has and the time she can devote to the subject.

I wish to thank the teachers for their kind assistance, and hope that our combined efforts may prove successful.

Respectfully submitted,

GOLDIE LONDON.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1908-1909

March 20.	Schools close for Spring vacation.
March 30.	Schools open for Spring term.
June 12.	Schools close for Summer vacation.
	Eleven weeks in term.
September 8.	Schools open for Fall term.
November 20.	Schools close for Thanksgiving.
	Eleven weeks in term.
November 30.	Schools open for Winter term.
December 18.	Schools close for Christmas.
December 28.	Schools open.
March 19.	Schools close for Spring vacation.
	Fifteen weeks in term.
March 29.	Schools open for Spring term.

CENSUS REPORT

School Census of September, 1907

Number of children in town between 5 and 15:		
Boys	90	
Girls	92	
Total	——	182
Number betweeen 7 and 14:		
Boys	67	
Girls	68	
Total	——	135

ROLL OF HONOR

The numbers after the names are the terms.

*Pupils who have not been tardy are starred.

NECK SCHOOL

Ruth Cole, 3
Mildred Cole, 3
Gail Johnson, 3
Laurence Johnson, 3
Gustaf Peterson, 2
*Clarence Powers, 2
Raymond Daniels, 1
*Arthur Lovett, 1
*Rudolph Norcross, 1
*Herman Young, 1
Mildred Whiting, 1
*Donald Killam, 1

CENTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

*Eva Stanley, 3
*Blanche Stanton, 2
*Raymond Trott, 3
*Edna Trefry, 1
*Ida Whitney, 1

CENTER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

John Connor, 1
Grace Landers, 1
Albert Jones, 1
Robert Jones, 1
Georgiana Perkins, 1
Millard Perkins, 1
Helen Trott, 1
Marion Wheeler, 2
Norman Tarr, 1
William Glavin, 1
Joseph Stanley, 1
Addie Whiting, 1

WEST SCHOOL

*Lucy Brown, 2
*Ethel Cook, 2
*Pearl Wilson, 2
*Eddie Lynch, 1
*Porter Perkins, 1
*Lawrence Wilson, 1.

EAST SCHOOL

Arthur Campbell, 1
Leverett Campbell, 1
Malcom Campbell, 1
William Campbell, 1
Anna Williams, 1
Gertrude Williams, 1
George Williams, 1
Walter Williams, 1
Eliza Hawkins, 2
Ruth Hawkins, 2
Glean Campbell, 2

School Attendance 1906-1907

	Months and days	No. enrolled	No. boys enrolled	No. girls enrolled	Average membership	Average attendance	Per cent of attendance	No. between 5 and 15	No. between 7 and 14	No. over 15	No. under 5
Center Grammar School	9—8	22	9	13	21.5	19	91	18	15	4	0
Center Primary School	9—7	48	25	23	36	31	86	47	24	0	0
Neck School	9—10	26	14	12	26	24	93	26	20	0	0
East School	9—3	11	7	4	10	10	99	11	10	0	0
West School	9—0	14	6	8	12	11.5	94	14	14	0	0
Center Intermediate School	9—8	33	17	16	31	29	92	33	33	0	0
		154	78	76	137.5	124.5	92.5	149	116	4	0

Year 1906-1907 TEACHERS, SALARIES, SCHOOLS, ETC.

Name	School	Grade	Salary	Where Educated
Helen Varney	Center Grammar	IV—VIII	$14	Westfield
Gertrude Whitney	Center Intermediate	IV—V	10	Beverly High
Eleanore M. Bragdon	Center Primary	I—III	11	Somerville Training
Florence Norton	Neck School	I—VIII	11.25	Salem Normal
Helen S. Kennison	East School	I—VIII	8	Beverly Training
George Smith	Music		5 (every other week)	
Gertrude St.Clair	West School	I—VIII	8	Salem Normal

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

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OF THE

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FOR THE

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

To the Citizens of Wenham:

The Twenty-third Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library for the year 1907 is herewith presented:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Henry A. Moulton, Chairman,	Term expires March, 1909
Benj. H. Conant, Secretary and Librarian,	Term expires March, 1908
Alice Gertrude Whitney,	Term expires March, 1910

The past year has been a notable one in the history of the Library in that the long-wished-for extension of accommodation has been accomplished.

By the completion of the new schoolhouse, the large room in the Town House, formerly occupied by the Grammar School, was left vacant. For several years it has been tacitly understood that when this room was no longer needed by the school, it would be granted by the town for the use of the public library. At the annual town meeting in March, 1907, the subject being brought up for consideration, and improved accommodations for the town records being urgently needed, a general remodeling of the entire first floor of the Town House was determined upon, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars appropriated from the surplus funds of the town, and a committee consisting of the selectmen, the chairman of the library trustees, Messrs. Charles F. Elliott, Arthur D. Prince and Mrs. E. B. Cole, appointed to carry these measures into effect.

The money appropriated not being immediately available, but little was accomplished beyond the maturing of plans until late in the summer. Early in October, the librarian was notified that the work in that part of the building was about to be begun, and that the library must be removed forthwith to its

new quarters. Consequently, the books then in circulation were called in and the library closed Oct. 16th.

The work of removing the books to the new room was begun the next day (Oct. 17th), and continued daily until all were removed from the old room. Previous to this time the committee had prepared the new room for the use of the library by having it thoroughly cleansed, the woodwork newly varnished and the walls covered with burlap. They had also procured new bookcases and suitable furniture for the use of the librarian and for the reading room. There being at this time no means of heating the room, but little more could be done until after the new furnaces were put in place.

For some years the need of a new catalogue and a different classification of the books has been apparent, and the Ladies' Village Improvement Society having kindly offered to render assistance in this work, both financial and manual, it was thought advisable to undertake it at this time. Toward the latter part of November, Mrs. Cole, who is very enthusiastic on this subject, obtained the services of an experienced cataloguer from Boston for a few days. Since that time the work has been going on continually, the librarian having given practically his whole time, and the ladies assisting at such times as were convenient to them.

The classification adopted is known as the Dewey Decimal System, one that is in very general use among modern libraries. A card catalogue is also being prepared, the ladies having furnished the means to accomplish this. Whether or not a finding list is printed will depend upon the liberality of the town at the annual meeting. When the work is completed, the people of Wenham will have as finely equipped a library as any of its size in this vicinity.

In consequence of the action of the town at the last annual town meeting, and the expectation of being notified to move at any moment, it was deemed best to defer the purchase of new books until after becoming settled in the new room, consequently no books have been purchased for the circulating department of the library during the past year.

Through the influence of Mrs. Cole, the trustees have been enabled to secure a fine copy of The Century Dictionary at a very low price. They have also subscribed for several magazines which will be placed upon the reading tables in due season.

In regard to the present condition of the library, a considerable number of books which have been long in use, are now so badly worn and unclean (from a sanitary point of view), as to be unfit for further service. A large proportion of these are juvenile books. Some of the better class might very properly be replaced by new copies of the same, while others of little literary value should be discarded altogether, and their places filled with books of better quality.

At the beginning of this report, it was styled the twenty-third report of the public library. This signifies that twenty-three years have passed away since the library has been under the control of the town. It might fitly be designated as the fiftieth report, since, under various titles, the library has during the past year completed a half-century of continuous service. In view of this fact, the following sketch of the various library movements in Wenham in former years has been prepared which it is hoped may be of interest.

The earliest library in Wenham, of which we have any knowledge, was called the Wenham Parochial Library. When or how this library originated or was maintained, we have now no means of knowing, as neither the town or church records make any mention of it, but the inscriptions in the books belonging to it which have been preserved until our own times seem to prove that such a library existed. The books may have been the property of the town or church, and, judging from the character of those which remain, may have been intended chiefly for the use of the resident pastor of the church as a supplement to his own library. They appear to have been in the custody of the successive pastors of the church until quite recently. When Rev. Will. C. Wood came to Wenham in 1870, he, not desiring to occupy the parsonage, the parish clerk, Mr. Wellington Pool, collected and took charge of such books as

were left there by former ministers. There were twenty-nine of these old books, and after some years had passed, the question arose as to what disposition should be made of them. Several propositions were considered, and finally, at the annual parish meeting, April 2, 1878, on motion of Mr. Pool, it was voted unanimously, "To donate to the Congregational Library of Boston, all the books, twenty-nine in number, now in possession of this parish, which formerly constituted the old Parochial Library of Wenham, upon the condition that each and all of said books shall always be carefully kept and preserved for use and reference in said library."

In accordance with this vote of the parish the books were offered to this library, and the gift accepted. In due time the following letter of acknowledgment was received:

"Boston, April 12, 1878.

"The Directors of the American Congregational Association hereby gratefully acknowledge the receipt of twenty-nine books, a gift from the surviving managers of the Wenham Parish Library to the Congregational Library of Boston, Mass., given on condition that they shall be kept in good condition, and be made perfectly available for reference.

"ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY,
"Librarian."

Mr. Pool at that time made a complete list of the books above mentioned, which may be found in the parish records of that date (1878). It has been suggested, as this is probably the only reference to these books which will be likely to appear in print, that a copy of this list be inserted in full in this report.

On the title page of the first twenty-five numbers of this list is written the following inscription:

"Belonging to the Parochial Library of Wenham, 1724, the gift of Mr. Samuel Gerrish."

(Rev. Joseph Gerrish was pastor of the church from 1674 until his death in 1720, and these books may have formed a part of his library.)

In numbers twenty-six and twenty-seven is written, "Given by Mr. Samuel Mather to Wenham Parochial Library, 1728." These two books have also the name of Richard Mather written on the same page. Numbers twenty-eight and twenty-nine have nothing to show from whence they came.

CATALOGUE

1.	Exposition of Hosea, Vol. 1, Burroughs, London,	1643
2.	" " Vol. 2, " "	1650
3.	" " Vol. 3, " "	1650
4.	Exposition of Ezekiel, Wm. Greenhill, London.	1649
5.	" " " " "	1657
6.	Exposition of 1st and 2d Thessalonians, Wm. Sclater, D. D., London.	1630
7.	Exposition of the Moral Law, 2d Vol., John Weemses' Works, London.	1636
8.	Exposition of the Law of Moses, 3d Vol., John Weemses' Works, London.	1636
9.	.....London.	1636
10.	Exposition of the Ten Commandments, London.	1635
11.	Treatise on the Passions and Faculties of the Soul of Man, Ed. Raynolds, London.	1640
12.	Moses and Aaron, Civil and Ecclesiastical Rites, Thos. Goodwyn, B. D., London.	1634
13.	Israel's Prayer in Time of Trouble, Ed. Reynolds, London.	1645
14.	Resolves, O. W. Felltham, London.	1634
15.	Introduction to History, Prideaux, Oxford.	1682
16.	The Hypocrite discovered and cured, Sam. Thorsel, London.	1644
17.	Commentary (with notes) on Malachy, Wm. Sclater, London.	1650
18.	Irenicum to the Lovers of Truth and Peace, Jeremiah Burroughs, London.	1646
19.	Commentary on the 3d and 4th chapters of 2d Timothy, Thos. Hall, B. D., London,	1658

20. Treatise on Four Degenerate Sonnes, etc., 4th vol. John Weemes' Works, London. 1636
21. Commentary, etc., on the book of Proverbs, Michael, D. D., London. 1638
22. Acts and Monuments of the Church B. C., Incarnate, Richard Montague, London. 1642
23. Critica Sacra, (in two parts) Edward Leigh, Esq., M. A., London. 1601
24. Atheomastix, Rev. Martin Fotherly, London, 1622
25. Bibliotheea Sacra, etc., Geneva. 1654
26. Annotations on Genesis, by Henry Ainsworth. 1621
27. Annotations on Numbers, by Henry Ainsworth. 1619
28. The Whole Armor of God, Wm. Gouge, B. D., London. 1619
29. Work on the Bible, Samuel Clarke.

In the early part of the last century, there appears to have been a collection of books known as the Wenham Social Library. Several of the older citizens of the town have been interviewed in relation to this library, but no one appears to have any definite recollection of it. A few of the books are still extant. These are all in full leather binding and in good condition, considering their age. Among them are the following:

History of America, by Wm. Robertson, in two volumes, New York—1798.

Voyages from Montreal Through the Continent of North America in the Years 1789 and 1793, by Alexander Mackenzie, Esq., New York—1803.

The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul, by Philip Doddridge, D. D., Boston—1795.

The first two of these books are inscribed, "Property of Wenham Social Library," and in the other one is written, "Lent by Mrs. Rebecca Moulton to Wenham Social Library."

Another old book entitled, "Calvary; or The Death of Christ," a poem in eight books, by Richard Cumberland, Boston, 1796, contains this inscription: "Mrs. Sperry's Cir. Library, No. 15." (Rev. Mr. Sperry was pastor of the church from 1820 to 1837.)

About sixty or seventy years ago there appears to have been still another library which was probably one of the school district libraries which were established in various towns between 1840 and 1850. Two of the older residents, Mr. Pool and Mr. Frank Patch, have some faint recollection of this library. At Mr. Patch's suggestion Mr. Pool wrote to Mr. Amos Patch of Boston and received the following letter in reply, which throws considerable light upon this subject:

Boston, Mass., Feb. 11, 1908.

Dear Mr. Pool:

Your letter received. When I went to live with my uncle, Mr. Amos Gould, in 1846, the District library was in Mr. Adoniram Dodge's wheelwright shop (near Dr. Jones' house), where it remained three or four years. In 1850 he persuaded my uncle to take it. It was removed to his house and I had the care of the books. There were about eighty volumes, I think, many in bad condition. It was kept in the front entry of his house; . . . I was allowed two dollars a year for taking care of it, and the fines, I remember, usually amounted to about the same—two dollars. When I left my uncle's, in 1853, it was still there.

Yours truly,

AMOS G. PATCH.

For the benefit of those who may not remember the people named in this letter, it may be said that Mr. Dodge's shop stood directly opposite the present librarian's house, and that Mr. Gould occupied the house now owned by Mr. H. E. Libby on Main street.

What finally became of these books is now not known. They may have been sold or distributed about town. Very likely a search through the attics of the older houses would discover some of them.

There may have been other small collections of books for local circulation in other parts of the town, of which the writer of this article has no knowledge.

With the exception of the Sunday School libraries, this

brings us down to the present public library, which had its origin in the Social Circle, which was organized in the autumn of 1857.

The Social Circle was a select society of the young people of the village who met at stated times at their different homes for social intercourse and mutual improvement. A small admission fee was charged, and with the funds thus collected books were purchased and circulated among the members of the circle. The writer of this report has a distinct recollection of this time, as the books were kept at his home in charge of his brother, Mr. W. P. Conant, who was the first librarian. A small bookcase of three shelves about thirty inches long gave ample accommodation for the books. One of these shelves is still in possession of the present librarian. About a year later, in 1858, the members of the circle, wishing to enlarge the scope of their work, reorganized themselves under the title of the Wenham Library Association, to which a considerable number of new members were admitted. It became quite popular, and practically any one who desired might become a member on payment of a small initiatory fee of one dollar, and an annual assessment of fifty cents. With the funds secured through the admission of new members, and the gifts of books received from various sources, the library soon outgrew the small bookcase previously mentioned, and arrangements were made whereby it was removed to the selectmen's room in the Town House, where it was open for circulation of books on each alternate Saturday evening.

A few years later the initiatory and annual fees were doubled, and what were termed "Reading members" were allowed the use of the books. The question of offering the books to the town as the nucleus of a free public library was proposed as early as 1870, and was afterwards several times considered by the association, but nothing definite transpired until at a meeting held Dec. 16, 1884, on motion of Mr. Henry Hobbs, it was unanimously voted: "To give and transfer to the Town of Wenham, the Library belonging to this Association, upon the conditions that the town shall keep the same

for a Free Public Library, and annually make a sufficient appropriation to maintain and increase the same."

Messrs. Wellington Pool and Elbridge Porter were appointed a committee to present the matter at the next annual town meeting.

Accordingly, at the request of this committee, an article was inserted in the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, March 4, 1885, as follows: Article 8, "To see if the Town will vote to accept the Library belonging to the Wenham Library Association, upon the conditions proposed by said association, and make a sufficient appropriation for the proper accommodation of said library, and for increasing the same." Under this article of the warrant, after considerable discussion, on motion of Simeon Dodge, Jr., it was voted: "To accept the library belonging to the Wenham Library Association upon the conditions proposed, and to appropriate from the money raised for incidental expenses a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for providing suitable accommodations for the library (if necessary), and for maintaining and increasing the said library."

On motion of N. P. Perkins (submitted in writing), it was voted: "That a committee of five members be appointed by this meeting, who shall have general charge of the library, provide suitable accommodations for the same in the Town House building, appoint a librarian, fix his or her compensation, prepare rules for taking out books, and expend the town appropriation."

In accordance with this vote the following named persons were chosen by nomination from the floor to serve as this committee for the ensuing year: Abbott Johnson, Henry A. Cook, Elbridge Porter, Rev. John C. Mitchell and Everett K. Day. This committee was subsequently organized by choice of Abbott Johnson as chairman and Everett K. Day, secretary. New rules were prepared, a new catalogue printed and the library opened to the public May 9, 1885. At this time the library contained about seven hundred volumes. It became so popular with the people that its quarters in the selectmen's room soon

became very inconvenient, and during the next year (1886), the southeast room on the first floor of the Town House, which was originally used as a recitation room by the Wenham Select School, was fitted up for the use of the library, and in this room it has remained until the present year. At first, this room furnished ample accommodations for the library, but as time went on, bookcase after bookcase was added until the entire available wall and floor space was covered and filled to overflowing, and large quantities of books and pamphlets were stored at the house of the librarian.

The library remained in charge of a committee chosen annually until 1893, at which time certain acts of the legislature relating to libraries were accepted by the town, and a Board of Trustees chosen in accordance with the State laws. By this action of the town, the library received from the State a gift of books to the value of one hundred dollars. At this time new regulations were adopted, the books classified for the first time, and a new catalogue compiled and printed which, with several supplements, has been in use until the present time. In 1894 a delivery station was established at East Wenham, by which the people in that section of the town received some of the benefits of the library. In 1900 a similar station was established at West Wenham, and in 1902 one at Wenham Neck, books at each of these stations being supplied monthly.

From 1885 to 1893 the library was open for exchange of books once a fortnight, on alternate Saturday evenings. In 1893 it was opened every week, and the time of opening changed from Saturday to Wednesday evening. Since 1900 it has also been open on Wednesday afternoon, so that for the last seven years the trustees have rendered nearly four times the original service.

For a few years after the town took charge of the library, Mr. Abbott Johnson served as librarian, and received for his services ten dollars a year. In 1889 the library committee thought this amount might be saved and applied for the purchase of books, and decided to divide the duties of the librarian among themselves. This arrangement was continued until

1902, during which time the managers of the library received no compensation for their services. The custodians of the several delivery stations, however, have each received a uniform salary of ten dollars annually since their establishment, this amount, previous to 1902, being paid by the town from the money raised for incidental expenses. Since 1902 it has been charged to the library account.

At that time (1902), the question of allowing remuneration for library service was considered and the librarian has since received an annual salary of fifty dollars, and the other members of the board of trustees twenty cents for each hour of actual service.

In 1897 the library received its first and only bequest, one hundred and twenty-five dollars from the estate of Edwin D. Hawkins of Stoneham, Mass. Several other smaller sums have been received as gifts from other friends of the library.

Since 1885, when the town assumed control of the library, the annual appropriations for its maintenance have varied from one hundred to two hundred and fifty dollars, or an average of about one hundred and fifty dollars per annum for the twenty-three years.

In regard to the future, the trustees have not yet fully formulated their plans. Much will depend upon the action of the town at the annual town meeting. A new code of rules, and a different method of registering the names of borrowers and of charging books will probably be adopted.

From past experience, it seems inadvisable to allow the public free access to the shelves, and borrowers will be required to make their selection of books from the catalogue. One thing that should be insisted upon is that perfect order be maintained both within and about the building whenever the library is open.

And now, as the library is about to take a new lease of life, let us hope that its beneficent work of encouraging study and the reading of good, wholesome literature may be continued for many years to come.

STATISTICS OF THE LIBRARY

For the Year 1907

CIRCULATION

Days on which the Library has been open, afternoon and evening	41
Volumes lent at Central Library	2802
" " East Wenham Delivery	173
" " West Wenham Delivery	120
" " Wenham Neck Delivery	294
Whole number of volumes lent	3389
Volumes renewed	159
Average weekly delivery	83
Largest weekly delivery, May 15,	127
Smallest weekly delivery, July 3 and Sept. 18	48
Number of different individuals who have taken books during the year	274
(As follows—Central Library, 204; East Wenham, 22; West Wenham, 10; Wenham Neck, 38.)	
New names added during the year	46
(Central Library, 41; East Wenham, 1; Wenham Neck, 4)	
Whole number of different individuals who have taken books since the adoption of the present system of administration (1893)	914

CLASSIFICATION AND USE

	Volumes catalogued Jan 1, 1907	Volumes lent at Central Library	Volumes lent at East Wenham Delivery	Volumes lent at West Wenham Delivery	Volumes lent at Wenham Neck Delivery	Whole number of Volumes lent
History	435	130	1	1	18	150
Biography	336	61	1	1	6	69
Travel	275	111	1	5	9	126
Science	230	74	0	0	7	81
Poetry	56	15	0	1	1	17
Religion	100	8	1	0	6	15
Miscellaneous	478	100	1	1	9	111
Total Non-Fiction	1910	499	5	9	56	569
Fiction	1848	2303	168	111	238	2820
Total, including Fiction	3758	2802	173	120	294	3389

PER CENT. OF CIRCULATION

	Central Library	E. Wenham Delivery	W. Wenham Delivery	Wenham Neck Delivery	Whole Library
Non-Fiction	17.81	2.89	7.50	19.05	16.79
Fiction	82.19	97.11	92.50	80.95	83.21
	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY

	Catalogued	Not Catalogued	Total
Volumes added during the year			
by purchase	0	10	10
by gift	0	34	34
Whole number volumes added, 1907	0	44	44
Volumes in Library Dec. 31, 1906,	3758	1290	5048
Volumes in Library Dec. 31, 1907,	3758	1334	5092
Pamphlets in Library Dec. 31, 1906,			1317
" added by gift, 1906,			119
" in Library Dec. 31, 1907,			1436

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Miscellaneous
A. L. A. Publishing Board, Boston		9	
Bangor (Maine) Slate Co.		1	
Beverly Citizen, Publishers			1 subscription
Beverly Public Library		1	
Boston Association for Relief and Control of Tuberculosis		1	
Boston Public Library		1	
Earle, Pliny, M. D., estate of	1		
Fall River Public Library		1	
Gardner, Hon. A. P., Washington, D. C.	1		
Hamilton Public Library	2		
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston		1	

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets	Miscellaneous
Lake Mohonk Conference, N. Y.		2	
Lytle, John J., Philadelphia, Pa.		1	
Massachusetts State Publications			
Agricultural Experiment Station		9	
Board of Agriculture (per N. P. Perkins)	1		
Bureau of Labor		15	
Free Library Commission		1	
Industrial Education Commission		2	
Jamestown Exposition, Board of Managers for Massachusetts		2	
Office, Sec'y of the Commonwealth	22	2	
Office, State Forester		5	
Trustees of Public Reservations		1	
Moulton, Henry A.		2	Papers
Pool, Wellington,		7	
Railway News, Chicago, Ill.		1	
Salem Public Library		1	
Salem Water Board		1	
Seattle Post-Intelligencer		1	
Soldiers' Home, Chelsea		1	
Standard Oil Co. (?)		2	
Towle Manufacturing Co., Newburyport		1	
United States Government Publications			
Bureau of American Republics			12 Nos.
Bureau of Education	2	5	
Civil Service Commission	1		
Forest Service	1	30	
Interstate Commerce Commission	1		
Library of Congress		4	
Naval War Records' Office	1		
Smithsonian Institution	3		
Supt. of Documents		2	
Wenham, Town of		1	
Woman's Education Association, Boston		2	
Woodberry, Charles, Beverly		1	
	34	119	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Unexpended balance with Town Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1906,	$ 9 13
Town appropriation, March 1907,	200 00
Receipts at library from fines, etc.,	7 00
Received for lost book (1906),	1 00
	$217 13

EXPENDITURES

For Library service		
Benjamin H. Conant, librarian to Oct. 1,	$37 50	
Henry A. Moulton, services to Oct. 16,	9 00	
A. G. Whitney, " " July 1,	5 70	
A. Williams, E. Wenham, services to Oct. 16,	8 00	
H. A. Wilkins, Wenham Neck, services to Oct. 16,	8 00	
		$68 20
Benjamin H. Conant, extra service removing books to new room and labor on catalogue, Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 (154 hours),		30 80

There is also due George V. Bowden for care of West Wenham Delivery from Jan. 1 to Oct. 16, $8.00, and Miss Whitney for service at the Library from July 1 to Oct. 16, $2.10.

For Books			
F. S. Blanchard & Co.,	1 vol.	$ 2 00	
Mass. Free Library Commission,	8 vols.	20 00	
Salem Press,	1 vol.	5 00	
			$27 00
For Miscellaneous Items			
Subscription to "The Bookman,"	1½ years	$ 3 00	
" " "The Dial,"	1 year	2 00	
Lamp and brackets,		1 40	
Expressing,		35	
Postage, money orders and incidentals,		1 81	
			$8 56
			$134 56

Unexpended balance with Town Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1907,	82 57
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid Horace E. Durgin, Town Treasurer, the amount received at the Library for fines, etc., during the year 1907, (including lost book),	8 00

EDWIN D. HAWKINS FUND

Amount of Mr. Hawkins' legacy, received 1897,		$125 00
Deposited in Beverly Savings Bank, Oct. 1897,	$100 00	
Balance appropriated for purchase of books,	25 00	
Accrued interest on deposit to Oct. 1907,	43 02	
		$168 02
Expended for books (15 volumes) previous to Dec. 31, 1907,		23 55
Amount of fund, Dec. 31, 1907,		$144 47

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN H. CONANT,
Sec'y of Trustees and Librarian,
Wenham Public Library.

Wenham, Mass., Feb. 15, 1908.

KOFILE PRESERVATION

Treatment Report

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Condition on Receipt:
Book previously rebound. Paper acidic, weak, torn and chipped at edges.

Treatment:
Book dismantled and binding materials removed. Paper mended with Japanese tissue or filmoplast R heat set tissue. Pressure sensitive tape and adhesive residue, if present, were removed insofar as possible without causing further damage. Paper deacidified using magnesium oxide. Sheets encapsulated in archival grade polyester envelopes. Envelopes bound in record binder.